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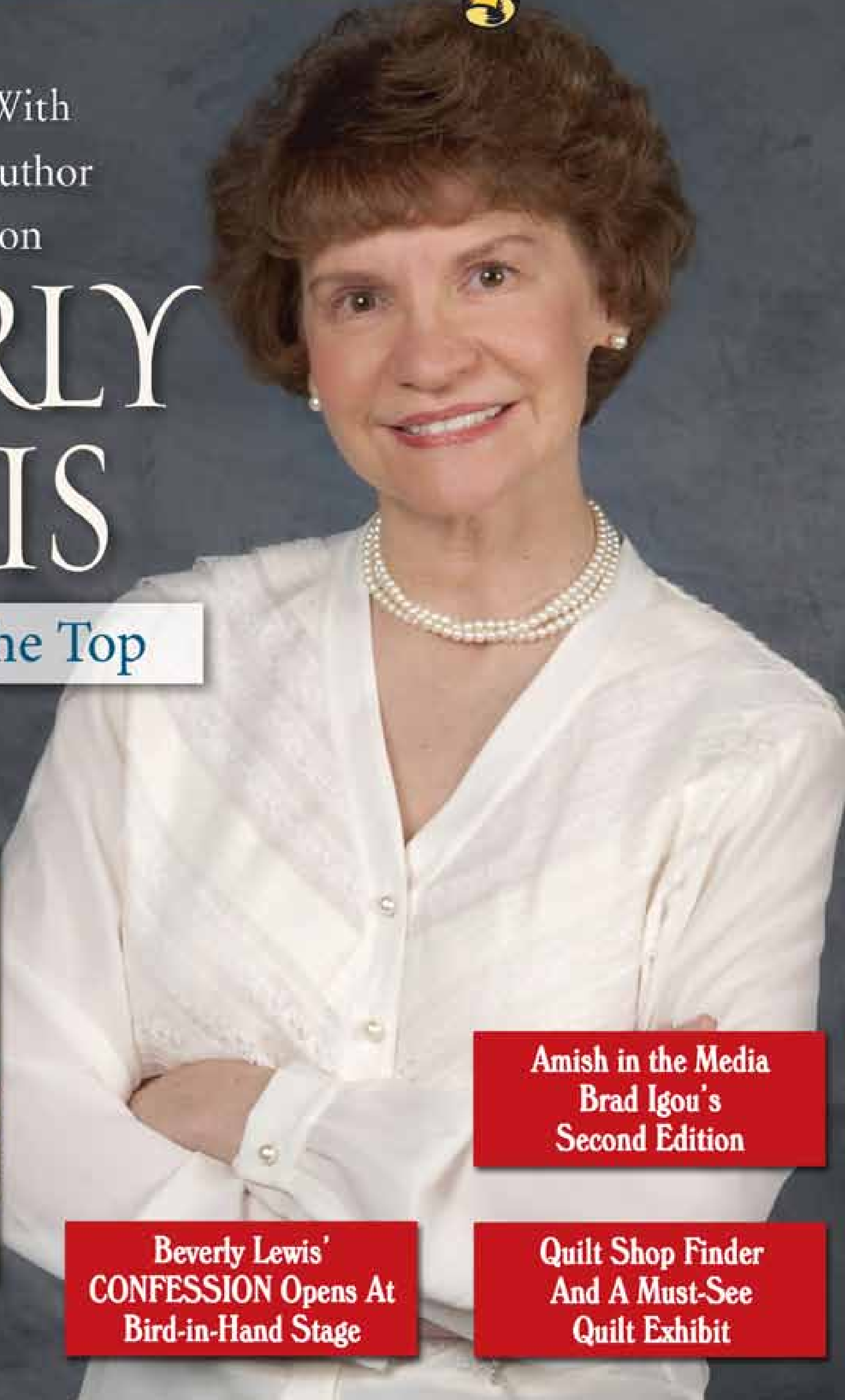

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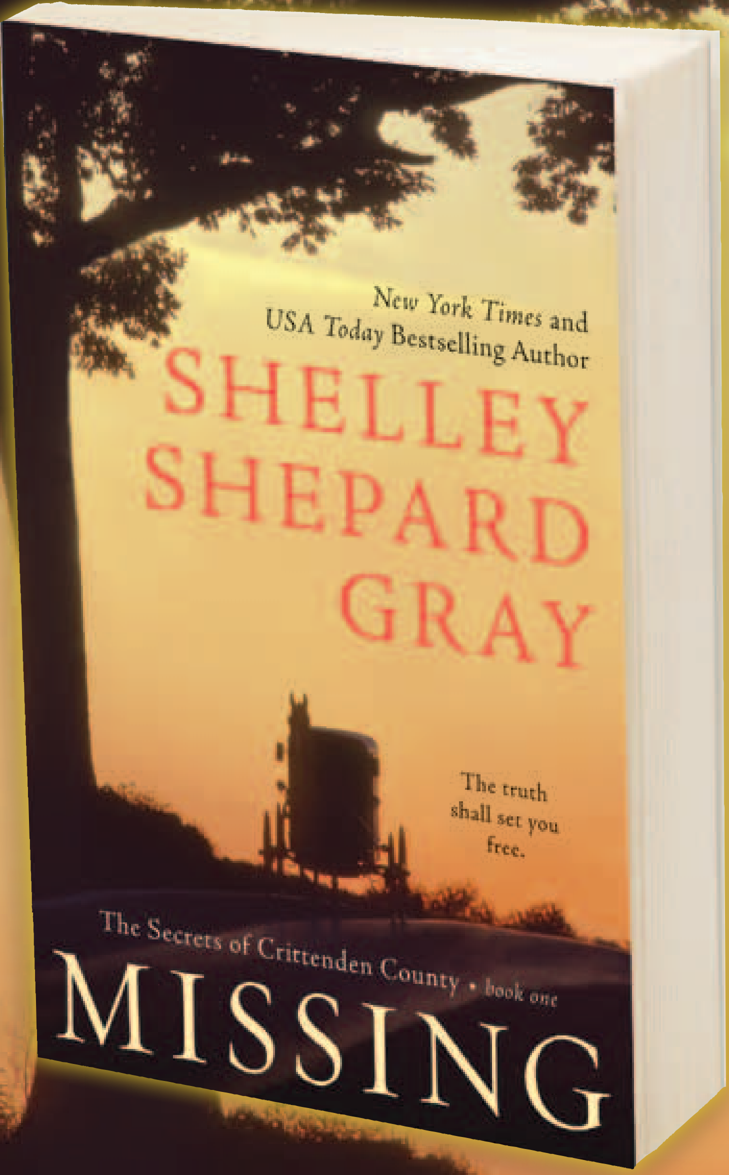
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# Beverly Lewis:
# How Things Look From the Top

by Clinton Martin

**Editor's Note:** *We are fortunate to have obtained the interview given by Beverly Lewis, "The Queen of Amish Fiction," to Barbour Publishing. With the permission of Ms. Lewis and Barbour Publishing, the interview is reprinted below.*

With a spirit that is as gentle as her stories, perennial NYT bestselling author Beverly Lewis has been winning over the hearts of readers for nearly 15 years. Her trademark blend of insightful family drama and tender romance set among Amish communities has made her a fixture in the publishing world and launched an entirely new genre: bonnet books. Her novels are described by Time magazine as having a pace that's "slow and soothing" and "an antidote to over-stimulated nerves." In other words, perfect for finding that escape and curling up with on a lazy summer day. Breaking from her busy writing schedule, Beverly speaks with us about her new series Home to Hickory Hollow, her success, and the new and fun ways readers can experience her stories.

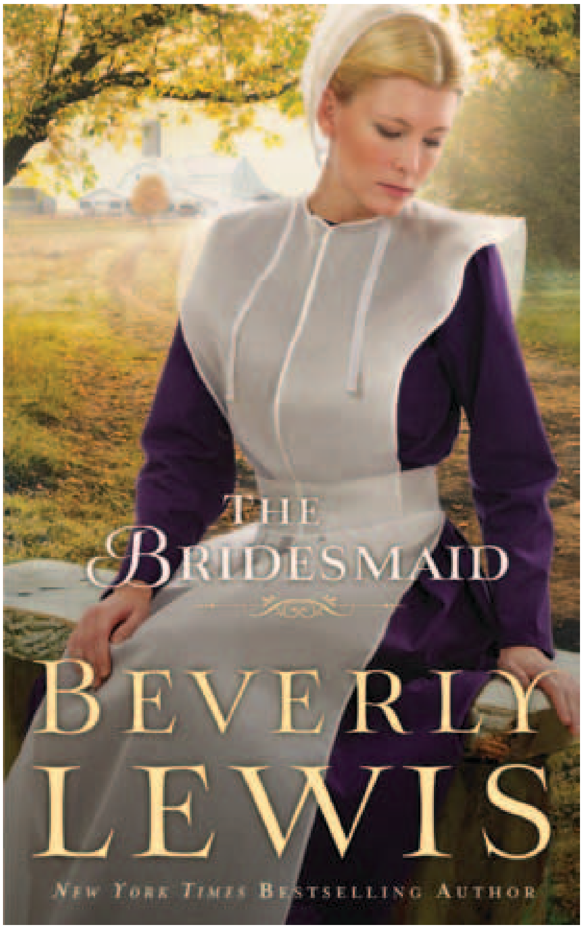
**You recently reached the #2 spot on the New York Times bestseller list, your highest position ever. How do you feel about your growing popularity?**

I am continually amazed and truly grateful for God's hand of blessing on my work, and for the opportunity to continue to share His love through story. So many thousands of readers write to say my books speak directly to them, that they believe my intimate writing style is for their hearts and eyes alone, like an open letter from a best friend. I also think the interest in Amish tradition has taken on a life of its own due to a general longing for simplicity and peace, and a less hectic lifestyle, as well.

**And now, in essence, at the height of your career you are returning to the place that started it all— Hickory Hollow, the setting of your first Amish series, Heritage of Lancaster County. What inspired that decision?**

With the longtime popularity of my fictional setting of Hickory Hollow and the reader nostalgia surrounding it—there's been enormous interest in the musicals and the recent Hallmark movie set there—I decided to return to this idyllic setting, situated in the heart of Lancaster County Amish country. Hickory Hollow is as real a place to me as it is to my readers, many of whom have written to say how much they adore the characters from that original Heritage of Lancaster County series, which launched in 1997. I took a poll on my Facebook fan page and discovered that readers were just "a-hankerin'" to come back to this beloved setting...a confirmation of my own thinking.

Although this new series offers peeks into the lives of some of the most memorable characters from *The Shunning* and its sequels, the characters in *The Fiddler* are brand-new, with compelling stories of their own.



**Fans have been ecstatic about the film and stage adaptations of your books. How do you respond to seeing your stories presented in a different medium? Are more adaptations currently in the works?**

Due to nearly a lifetime of involvement with the arts, I'm excited to watch this expansion of my stories to movies and the stage. I love seeing my stories fleshed out in live theatre, with fabulous music (now in three and possibly four new locations for 2012!). And working with Michael Landon, Jr., the director and co-producer of Beverly Lewis' *The Shunning*, has been a remarkable and inspirational journey, to say the least.

The filming schedule is about to be released for the movie sequel, Beverly Lewis' *The Confession*, which will be the continuation of Katie Lapp's saga as found in my Heritage of Lancaster County series.

**What can you tell us about your new story collection, Home to Hickory Hollow? How does it compare to your previous series?**

This series of books will not be a continuing saga like my other series but rather related stand-alones that can be read in any order. I've wanted to write a series where readers can pick up a book of their choosing and know they will have a satisfying and complete story when finished with that particular read.

I've been "writing" the first book in this series, *The Fiddler*, in my head for several decades! It's the delightful union of two of my passions—music and Amish lore—and was a dream come true to create. Also, the juxtaposition of an Amish love interest with an "English" girl is very appealing to me, and I know my readers will love it, too. I hope they are able to discover through the story the importance of finding one's purpose in life, as well as using one's talents and gifts to make a difference in this world…to bless others. My readers can look on YouTube for the terrific book trailer my publisher created for *The Fiddler*.

***The Fiddler* sounds like a wonderful story. What can readers expect from you next?**

I'm currently writing *The Bridesmaid*, the second "stand-alone" in my new series, Home to Hickory Hollow, which will appear on shelves September 11, 2012.

For more information on Beverly Lewis, *The Fiddler*, or upcoming tour locations visit www.beverlylewis.com or her Facebook page. You can also visit www.Bird-in-Hand.com for details on *The Confession Musical*, running April 4 through November 30 at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant & Stage in Bird-in-Hand, PA. For Group Reservations, call 717.768.8400 ext. 221.

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# Spring Events

**March 14 - 17**
**American Quilter's Society Show & Contest**
Lancaster, 239-1900 AmericanQuilter.com

**March 31**
**35th Birthday Celebration**
National Toy Train Museum
Strasburg, 687-8623 NTTmuseum.org

**April 21 & 22**
**Spring Opening**
Shupp's Grove Antique Market
Adamstown, 484-4115 ShuppsGrove.com

**April 29**
**Free Gospel Concert**
September Farm Cheese
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# Quilt Showdown: Amish vs. Modern

by Brad Igou

When our Shrove Tuesday "fasnachts" have been eaten and Spring is finally in the air, many of us in Amish Country start thinking about quilts. It may just be because the American Quilter's Society (AQS) Show & Contest has come to the Lancaster County Convention Center. If you've missed the Lancaster show this year, be sure to visit www.AmericanQuilter.com for 2013 show dates. The ambitious folks at AQS organize four such events every year, and the cash prizes awarded at these annual juried and judged quilt shows are among the most generous and prestigious in the quilt world.

Even if you are not a quilter or even an "aficionado," do yourself a favor and go just to see the absolutely amazing quilts on display. Your perception of what a quilt looks like will be forever changed. It's a bit like strolling through an art museum where everything is made of cloth. The colors and patterns are a feast for the eyes, and new technologies allow for amazingly creative designs. Although computers and "long-arm" sewing machines are now part of the production process for many quilts, in this age of digital everything, it is delightful to see something tactile and handmade. Like I said, your stereotype of "quilting" will likely be shattered, albeit in a very good way.

Among the special events for this year's show are demonstrations of quilting techniques, an author roundtable and expert quilt appraisals. There will also be presentations by George Siciliano, local quilt artist from Lebanon, PA, who has been twice nominated for Professional Quilter Magazine's "Quilt Teacher of the Year," and local quilt and cookbook author Rachel Pellman. The Merchant Mall remains a popular feature during this quintessential gathering of quilts and quilters.

Good fortune has it that a special exhibit of antique Amish quilts at the Beaux-Arts inspired Lancaster Quilt & Textile Museum coincides with the AQS show. The museum owns what many scholars consider to be the finest collection of its kind to be found anywhere. Formerly known as the "Esprit Collection," the assembled works of art are the brainchild of Doug Tompkins, a founder of the Esprit Corporation, and a collector of quilts since the 1970s. That six of the quilts were listed as National Treasures by the National Endowment for the Humanities gives one a hint of just how important this collection is.

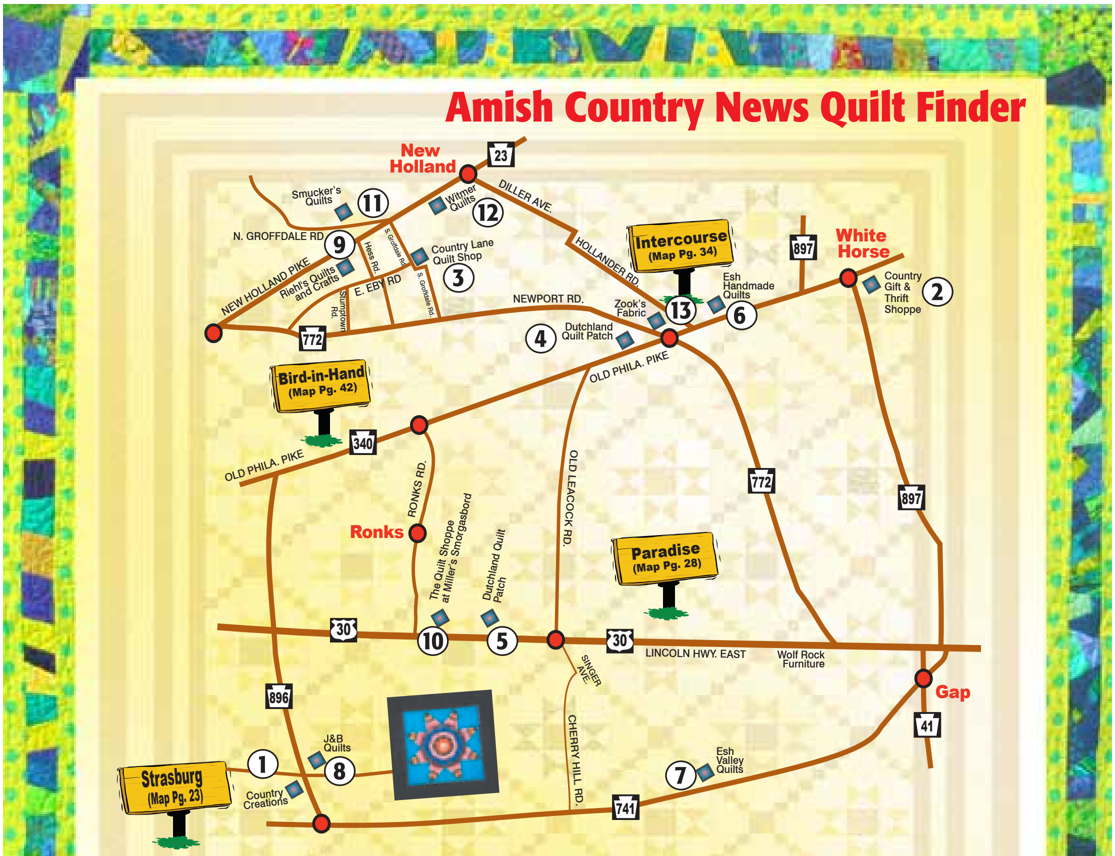
For the first time since the collection made its public debut in 1990 at San Francisco's Museum of Fine Arts, visitors can experience ALL 82 historic quilts, acknowledged masterpieces of design and needlework, crafted between 1870 and 1950 by Amish women in Lancaster County. The exhibition will be presented for one week only, March 13-18, after which the museum will sadly close its doors.

This indeed will be a rare chance to see these fabulous, world-class quilts "one last time" before they go into storage. And on select evenings, you can even browse the quilts to live Bluegrass, Latin Jazz, or Blues music! The museum is but a stone's throw from the convention center, allowing show-goers to contrast these famous Amish quilts with the amazing variety and evolution of modern quilting. Call 717-393-3364 for details.

But what is so special about our local Amish quilts? This is an interesting question, and while the Lancaster Amish are known for their quilts today, they actually came to quilting quite a bit later than their neighbors. In the beginning, Amish decorative art was not much different from than that of other Pennsylvania Germans. And it was not until the mid-1800s that the unique "Amish look" began to develop.

Scholars believe that it was the English settlers, particularly the Quakers, who introduced the idea of quilts as bed linens, as opposed to simple bed coverings or coverlets that were in use at that time. In fact, Amish women rejected art for art's sake, and often rejected any art form until it became no longer fashionable among other Pennsylvania cultures.

Eventually Amish quilts evolved from whole cloth (one color with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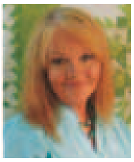

**2010 Quilt Winner**
**Darwin's Diamonds & Flowers**
**73" x 73", Ronda K. Beyer**
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quilting) to pieces of different colors arranged in particular patterns. Almost all traditional Amish quilt designs were simply variations of squares and rectangles. The most desirable of Lancaster Amish quilts were bold, yet simple, often contrasting bright against dark traditional colors of blue, purple, green, and red.

The Center Square, Bars, and Diamond in the Square designs were the most common in the early Lancaster Amish quilts. The Diamond in the Square pattern was also known as "halstuch," perhaps because the border triangles reminded Amish women of the shoulder cape worn over their dresses, which has a triangle shape in the back where it is fastened. This "Cape Design" is so unique to Lancaster that quilt author, Eve Granick, tells us that “any use of this pattern outside Lancaster usually indicates a close family link to the Lancaster community."

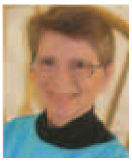
Another quilt scholar, Jonathan Holstein, waxes almost poetic when he writes that the "Lancaster Diamond is perhaps the supreme triumph of traditional Amish quilt design, and it is certainly among the aesthetic Olympians of all American quilt types. In proportion, balance, harmony, efficacy of color combinations, dignity, and the power to move, none tops it."

In 21st Century America, the traditional colors and patterns are not what you’re likely to see when scouring our Amish countryside for the perfect quilt for your bedroom or to hang proudly in your family room. Savvy Amish Country quilters now craft quilts to appeal to the tastes and popular fashions of today’s visitors. Techniques have become elaborate and bold new designs are constantly being created.

So it is over time that Amish quilts have become a reflection not only of traditions and changes in their own culture, but also of the fashions and tastes of the world around them.

Speaking of the hunt for the ultimate quilt, we thought we would lend a helping hand with a little treasure map of our own (pulled together from many years of scouring the countryside ourselves) revealing some of our favorite quilt haunts where we’re quite sure you’ll find gold among the hundreds of locally made art quilts looking for a home. Happy hunting!

**2010 Quilt Winner**
**Vases, 69 1/2" x 81"**
**Suzanne Marshall**
**Clayton, MO**



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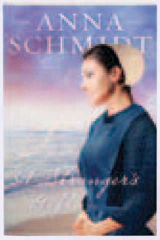

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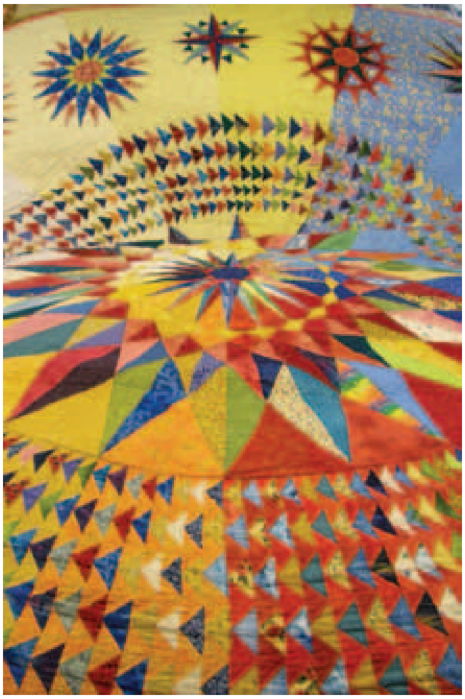
by Clinton Martin

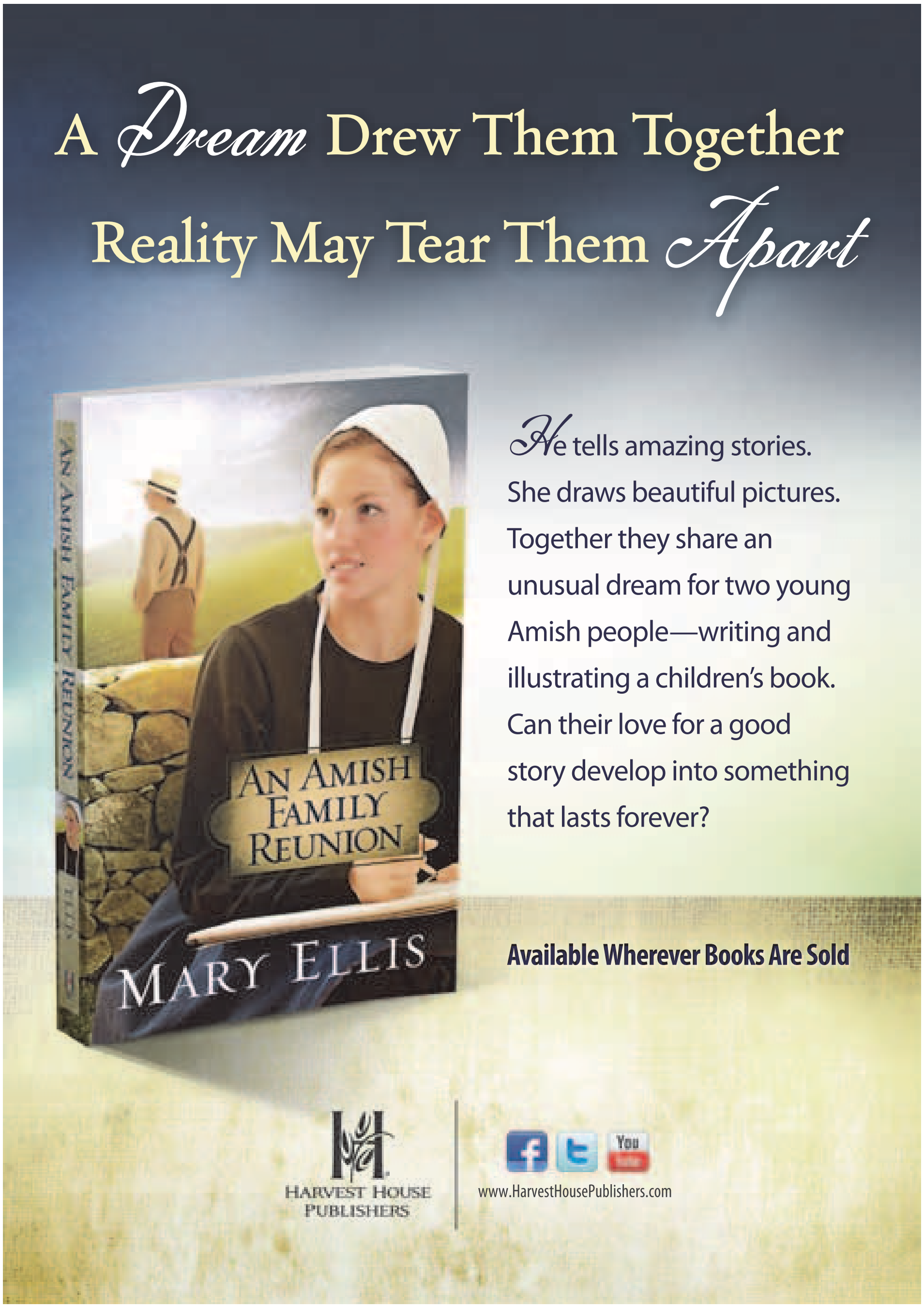
Emma Witmer has seen and sewn a few quilts in her 50+ years as proprietress of Witmer Quilt Shop. This is readily apparent when you step inside her store along Route 23 in New Holland, and she begins to flip through hundreds of quilts neatly displayed in her showroom, explaining the pattern and unique characteristics of each.

As she proudly showed one design to me, she mentioned that it was the particular arrangement that caught the eye of an Italian visitor who happened to pop in her shop a few days before. The young Italian woman was biking across the country, and happened to stop for a rest right outside the shop. Intrigued, she went inside and ended up shipping herself a quilt similar to the one I was looking at. Without boasting, Emma proceeded to tick off a few of the far-flung places her quilts had traveled. I smiled inside knowing that her art was more well-traveled than most people I know!



While there were plenty of traditional designs patterning the quilts, every now and then one totally "off-the-wall" bedspread caught my eye. One such almost-psychedelic quilt consisted of so many separate pieces of colorful fabric that it must have taken even the most experienced quilter countless hours to complete. By the way, the pricetag on that quilt justifiably reflected the exclusivity of the handiwork I was witnessing! Not to worry though, as there are dozens of quilts priced perfectly for any household.

When you visit Witmer Quilt Shop expect to be treated with the same personal service I received. Here's a tip. Ask Emma to see the quilt that has the optical illusion on it. It is amazing to see what a few skilled hands do with scraps of fabric and lengths of thread. Call 717-656-9526 for hours and directions.



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# 2011 ACN Photo Contest Winners

After reviewing hundreds of entries, and much consideration, the winners of the Amish Country News 2011 Photo Contest are here for you to enjoy, with a few words from us and each photographer about their winning entries.

**Grand Prize: "*Pennsylvania Dutch Soup*" by Kurt Glenn of Excelsior, MN**

A "mud sale" is a quintessential Amish Country event where plain and fancy folks come together to raise money for a volunteer fire company. Many buggies are usually up for auction, and this photo just seemed to capture the feeling of the sale, with the grays, browns, and striking composition making it the big winner. Kurt comments…

*This photo was taken in the freezing rain just before I left the Gordonsville mud sale. All I was thinking about at that moment was, "I'm glad I waited to get a cup of hot coffee." Covered in thick mud, I fell to my knees and took the picture. Timing is everything.*

**1st Place: "*Hay Wagon*" by Harry E. Palmer, Macungie, PA**

The striking colors in this photo with the house in the background just seemed to exude autumn in Amish Country. Harry tells the story behind the shot…

*I remember taking the photograph east of the Strasburg Rail Road. Aligning myself with the farm house for a more interesting shot, everything was right --- the lighting, the Amish farmer in black, the golden mowed hay, the golden hay bales and the beautiful golden horses...a moment for me and all to remember of a typical day for an Amish farmer.*

**2nd Place: "Setting Sun" by Kathleen Popola, Wrightstown, NJ**

Kathleen took this photo during a camping trip in May of 2011. The quiet beauty of Amish Country and the colors of a sunset make for some spectacular scenes. This is surely one of them.

*That particular time of year had seen a lot of rainy days and I was fortunate enough to get a break in the weather long enough for me to get this shot of the sun setting over the farmland just below us. To this day, when I look at the photo, I think of how I can't wait to go back there again to experience the peace and tranquility that only a rural country setting can provide.*

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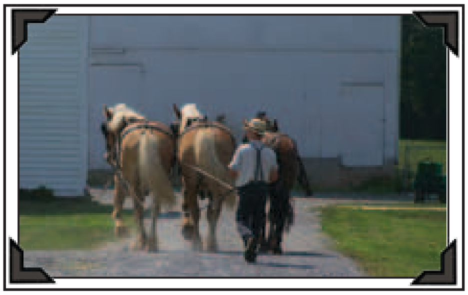
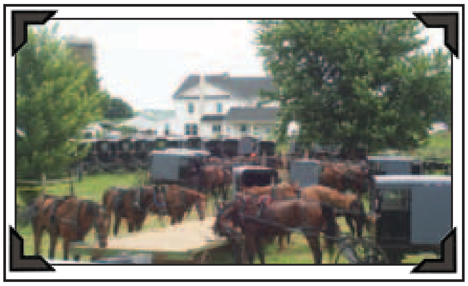


**3rd Place: "Returning the Team"**
**by Tom Taylor, Point Pleasant, NJ**

Driving the back roads, you just never know what you are going to see, or when. Sometimes it's just being at the right place at the right time, even when that place is a roadside stand.

*I captured this moment on the spot, as the farmer was coming out of the field. This picture is from a roadside store, one of our favorites, where we get the best fruits and vegetables during the summer. To me, it symbolizes a great respect for the earth.*



**Honorable Mention: "Amish Auction"**

**by Jill L. Ivanac, New Port Richey, FL**

It was July last year when Jill came across an auction along Route 340 in Bird-in-Hand. The maze of carriages made for an interesting picture.

*It was so neat to see all of the horses together like one big family waiting patiently. And I liked the way the buggies were parked, sort of in a circle, just in the grass under the trees, and not in a cement parking lot like cars. If I had a choice, I would love to travel by horse and buggy in today's world.*

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# Beverly Lewis Hit Musical Returning to the Bird-in-Hand Stage

by Clinton Martin

**Special to Amish Country News**

April 4 through November 30 Beverly Lewis' inspiring Amish love story, "The Confession," is returning to the Bird-in-Hand Stage. Located on the lower level of the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord, the entertaining hit musical premiered last Fall to sellout crowds.

"We're excited to bring this wonderful story again to our Bird-in-Hand Stage," said Bird-in-Hand Corporation's co-owner John Smucker. "It was a real pleasure for our family to host more than 10,000 people at last year's opening season. 'The Confession' gives us one more way to show hospitality to our guests."

"'The Confession' is a touching Amish love story and a keep-you-on-the-edge-of-your-seat mystery, all wrapped up in one," explains the musical's director Wally Nason. "Men and women alike are eager to find out what happens." As one 2011 theatergoer said, "It's the right touch of humor with a message." Lancaster Sunday News agreed that it's "ready-for-prime-time voices… promises a happy ending and delivers."

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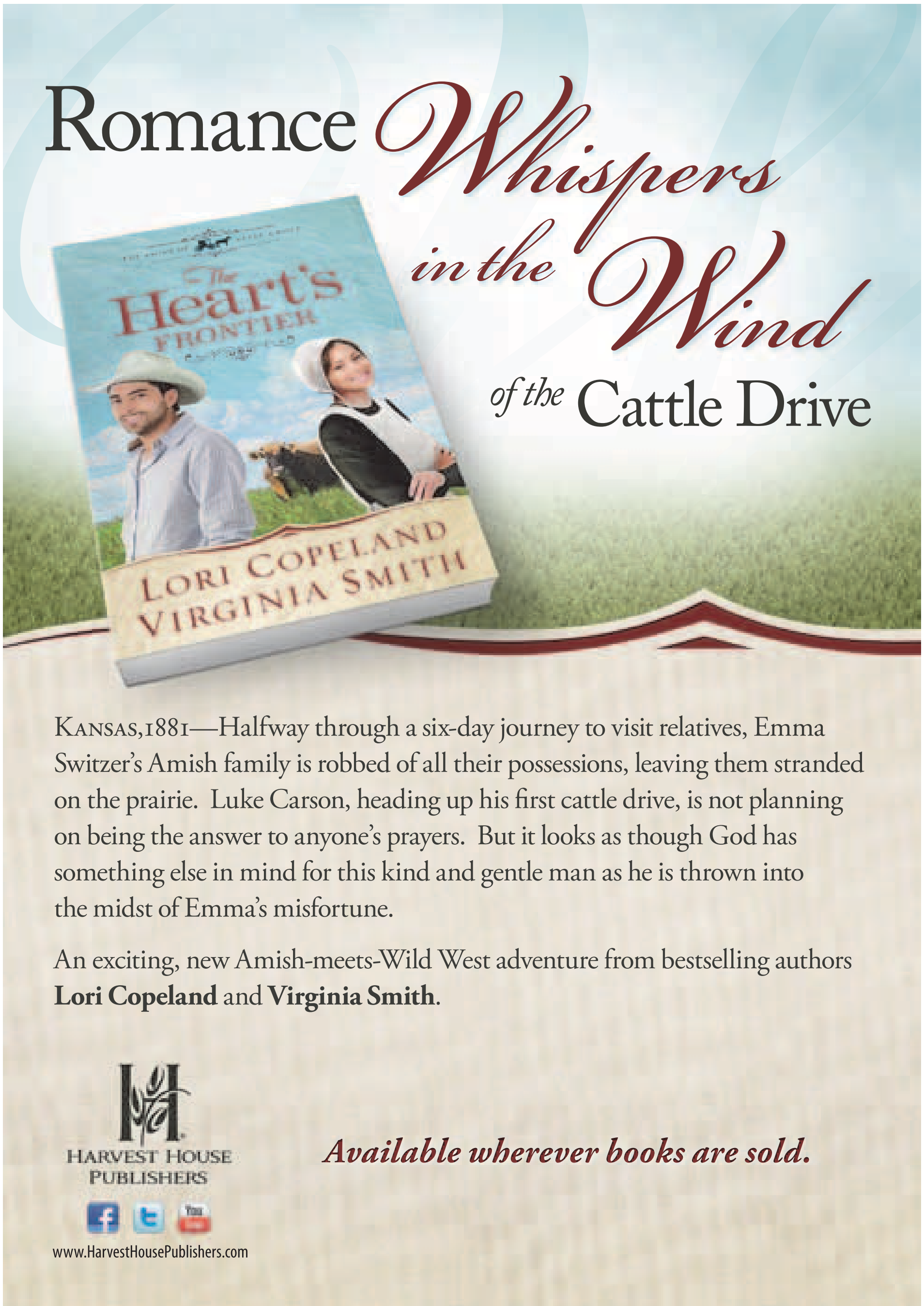
A captivating story of a young Amish woman caught in the middle of secrets and scandal, "The Confession" shares a tale of love lost and found and personal heartache and healing. Pulling its story line from three books written by New York Times bestselling author Beverly Lewis, "The Confession" musical weaves the lives of characters she first introduced in "The Shunning," "The Confession" and "The Reckoning." It's clear why the Lancaster County native has been proclaimed "the queen of Amish fiction" by USA Today.

With the laughter that ensues when a New York actress tries to play a "Plain" woman and the emotions experienced when lies are uncovered and truth revealed, "The Confession" takes its audiences on a roller coaster of highs and lows as the Plain, the not-so-plain and the outright extravagant all meet.

Beverly Lewis' book was adapted for stage by veteran writer Martha Bolton, who is best known for her work as a speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan and with Bob Hope and Christian comedians Mark Lowry and Chonda Pierce. Nashville musician Wally Nason wrote the show's soaring melodies, inspiring lyrics and directs the performance. Nashville-based Dan Posthuma produced the show.

"The Confession" musical first opened at Blue Gate Theater in Shipshewana, Indiana. It is premiering this Spring at a third venue at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Tickets to "The Confession" are $32 weekdays and $34 Friday and Saturday. Pre- and post-performance meal packages are $44 to $52. Tickets and meal packages may be purchased online at www.Bird-in-Hand.com or by phone at (800) 790-4069. Lodging packages are also available. For group reservations call (800) 555-2303, ext. 221.



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# Meet The Tour Guides:
# From Genealogy To Guided Tours

by Clinton Martin

Fifteen years ago Harriet Eshleman and her husband bought a time-share in Williamsburg, Virginia, having been drawn by its historical importance and colonial charm. They've been making annual trips since. You might expect that this was what led Harriet to become a tour guide in her native Lancaster County, that is, her love of historical interpretation. But, the real genesis of Harriet's becoming a tour guide stemmed from her avid interest in genealogy.

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**For Harriet Eshleman, a great tour isn't just about guiding.**

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**Meet the Tour Guides**

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Harriet's interest in tracing her family's roots started when, as a little girl, her grandfather introduced her to the subject while trying to get her established as a Daughter of the American Revolution. She remembers well the day her grandfather took her to meet the DAR "ladies who lunch" on Orange Street in Downtown Lancaster, her little hand filling one of his, his other hand full of documents he hoped would prove her eligibility for the organization.

Although she wasn't immediately accepted into the society, her interest had been piqued. It took years of research following clues from her family's past. Eventually her eligibility for "Daughterhood" was clearly shown and she was accepted into the group. She told me that she didn't actually want to join, but felt it a matter of principle to prove to herself that she could do it.

It turned out that researching her family tree led her straight to the Amish community. Tracing her family's heritage, she discovered that prior to her grandfather's generation, her relatives were closely linked with the Anabaptist church movement, tying her heritage to the Amish and Mennonites. She explained that a good genealogist is always ready to knock on a lot of front doors, for that is often the only way to continue a trail that has gone cold.

One such fateful knock occurred when she had found her way to an old farm where she was pretty sure one of her ancestors had lived. She was met by a nice family at the door who explained to her that the farm had passed into the ownership of their Amish family, and they were able to show her exactly where her ancestor was reported to have been buried. He had come over from Europe in the 1700s, and lived on the very land that was now the Amish family's farm.

She remembered thinking about the family that she met that day, how far "Amish Country" had seemed from her home in Downtown Lancaster, and yet how very close it really was. Her interest in learning more about the Amish grew exponentially from this encounter, and it wasn't long until she noticed a "help-wanted" ad in the newspaper for the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm.

This time, there was no need for years to "prove" her eligibility. She was hired and spent the next couple of years further researching the Amish, something she was very good at, and becoming the best guide she could.

Of course, for Harriet, the research could never stop. She's been giving farmlands tours at the Amish Experience for over 10 years now, and she has become enough of a student of the Amish to recognize that their community is constantly changing, at least in its own small ways.

She remembers one instance recently when she heard that many Amish youth were having cigarette lighters installed in their buggies so they could plug in cell phone chargers and the like, running the adapter from a car battery. She knew right away what she must do. It would take a bold knock to get the real story.

From her contacts at the Amish Experience she knew an Amish carriage maker. One evening she stopped by and gave the door a good rap. He came to the door and confirmed cheerily that indeed many of the carriages were being ordered with the handy electrical outlets installed. One could charge all kinds of useful gadgets from the dashboard of the buggy. You could easily see the attraction for the Amish who, while still rejecting phones in the home, have increasingly adopted them for outside use.

Through this kind of attention to detail, she's been able to keep keenly abreast of what is happening in the Amish community. Her affinity for research keeps her opening new doors, and her understanding grows with each turn. Best part of all, Harriet can't wait to share her first-hand knowledge of the Amish with the many thousands of visitors to whom she serves as host each year!

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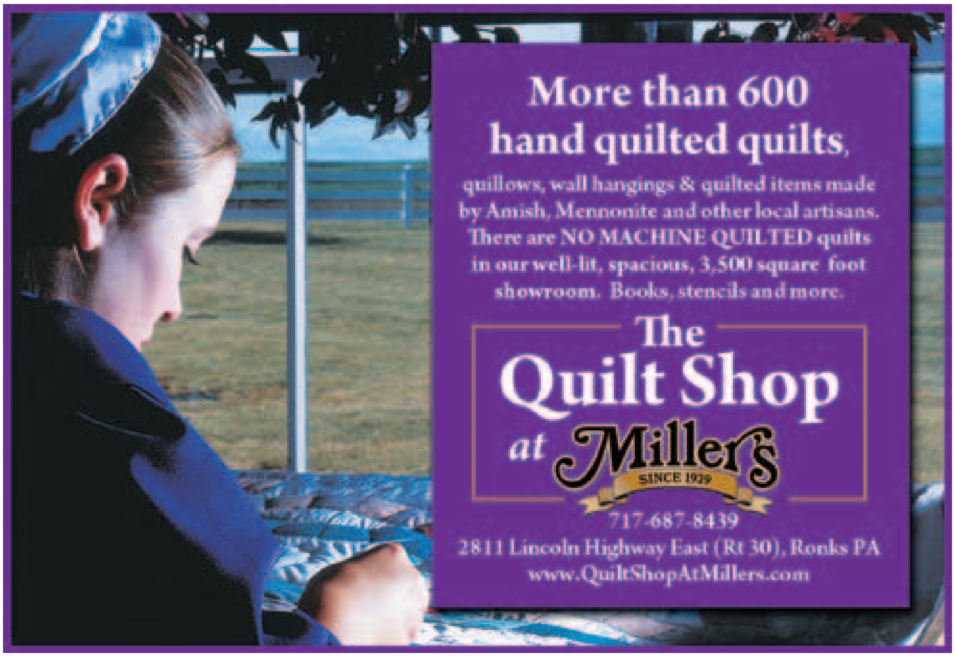
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by Clinton Martin

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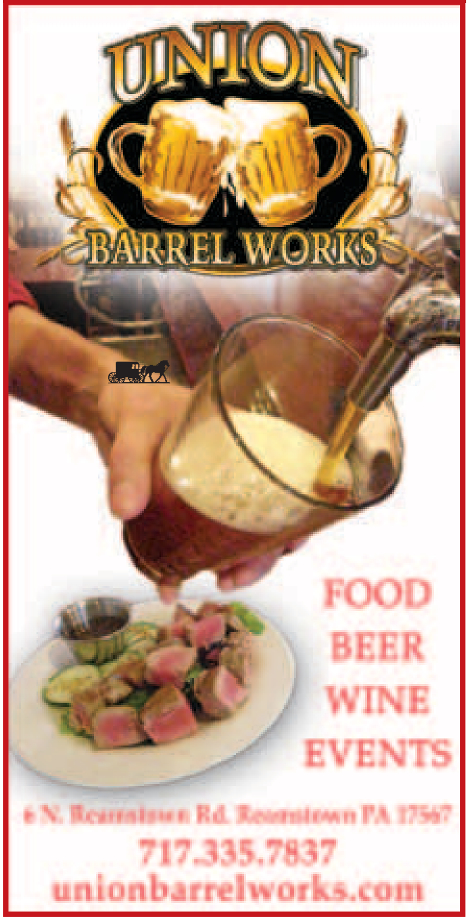
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# THE AMISH IN THE MEDIA - Second Edition

by Brad Igou

*Several years ago, I wrote a series briefly discussing theatrical and film productions with Amish storylines, starting with the 1955 Broadway musical PLAIN & FANCY, and then looking at WITNESS, KINGPIN, FOR RICHER OR POORER, and several TV shows. Even today, the 1985 Harrison Ford movie WITNESS probably remains the touchstone, both here and abroad, for many people's curiosity and perception of the Amish. More than 25 years after the movie debuted, local tours offered by Amish Country Tours to the "Witness Farm" are normally sold out. In this "second edition" of the series, I plan to continue with yet more shows and documentaries worthy of discussion. Stay tuned...*

Gene Wilder
Harrison Ford
The Frisco Kid
The Wild West adventures of a strictly kosher cowboy
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## Part 1: Go West or Go North – The WITNESS Connection

**THE FRISCO KID (1979)...**Director Robert Aldrich's THE FRISCO KID is an entertaining western comedy, trying to tap into Gene Wilder's success in Mel Brooks' BLAZING SADDLES. Not as silly as that film, THE FRISCO KID is nonetheless an enjoyable romp, with some adventure and a few tender moments woven in, with a tagline of "the Wild West adventures of a strictly kosher cowboy."

Wilder plays Avram Belinski, a rabbi sent from Poland to America in 1850. His trip with the Torah to San Francisco is filled with all sorts of adventures, including encounters with bandits, Indians, etc. until the final climatic shootout.

A guide for Amish Country Tours told me about this film and how the Amish were woven into the plot. Indeed, near the beginning of the film, soon after Wilder is robbed, he sees some men in the distance and is sure they are fellow Jews. With the Amish men working in the fields wearing their black suits, accuracy in portraying the Amish was clearly not the point in this comedy! But of course, the absurd was central to the plot. As an aside, even today visitors will sometimes confuse Hassidic Jewish visitors with the Amish.

Wilder speaks to the Amish in Yiddish, and they to him in German, until everyone realizes they need to communicate in English. The Amish, not surprisingly, speak with "thee's" and "thou's" and also have hex signs on the barn, two wildly held, but inaccurate stereotypes contemporary audiences would have.

Still, the Amish are not played for laughs, but as kind, gentle people who don't really understand this rabbi, yet still want to help him on his journey. The next day, after his morning prayers, the Amish give him some money and a buggy ride to the train station.

For me the most interesting thing about THE FRISCO KID is that a young Harrison Ford plays the bank robber, Tom Lillard, who is integral to the rabbi's successful journey across the American West. Wilder and Ford are wonderful together, enjoying excellent chemistry; and it is pure fun to see Ford in such a different non-dramatic role.

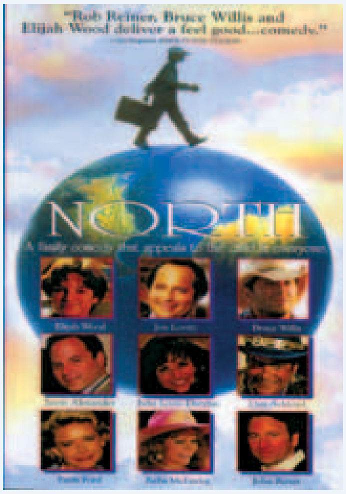
And now for some trivia…

*According to the IMDB website (Internet Movie DataBase), Gene Wilder's autobiography notes that John Wayne was originally offered the part eventually played by Harrison Ford. The Duke "loved the role," but an agent tried to offer him less than his usual fee and Wayne turned down the film.*

*Ford enters the film after Wilder's "Amish encounter." Thus, he would have to wait for his face-to-face meeting with the Amish in a movie until WITNESS, six years later. How's that for a wee bit of trivia should you want to challenge friends about the first time Ford and the Amish appeared together in film?*

**NORTH (1994)...**Thirteen years after WITNESS, both the movie and its stars were prominent enough in the public consciousness that they were used in Rob Reiner's comedy NORTH. Elijah Wood plays the 11-year-old title character, who gets legal permission to find new parents. He sets out to "audition" mother and father teams, with disastrous results. Not finding the perfect Mom and Dad after visits to Texas, Hawaii, and Alaska, North makes a series of other short stops, desperately seeking the right couple before the court imposed deadline.

About 50 minutes into the film, North's charter plane lands in a wheat field, to the strains of "Amazing Grace," and we see a group of Amish waiting for him. The irony here is that the Amish parents are played by none other than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Kelly McGillis and her suitor, Alexander Godunov, from WITNESS. Godunov introduces his wife and sons to North with this line in an attempt at humor, "These art thy new brothers who art named Art."

North is aghast at what he sees and declares, "Hey, hey, this looks great. I have always dreamt of a life without the ever-present nuisance of electricity. Just let me grab something from the plane. I seem to have left my butter churn in the overhead compartment."

He then slams the door shut, telling the pilots to "Floor it!" as the plane does a supersonic near vertical take-off. The entire sequence is under two minutes long, but probably summarizes the feelings most American kids would have at the prospect of being adopted by Amish parents. It is unclear how many viewers picked up on who the two actors were until the end credits, assuming anyone stayed to watch them unfurl across the screen. Still, it was a clever idea.

Notwithstanding a talented director, an all-star cast, and great technical credits, NORTH, by any standards, remains basically a disaster. Starting off with Bruce Willis in a pink bunny outfit eating a carrot is a sure sign of trouble. No wonder the only copy of it on DVD is apparently a pirated version from China, where, as far as I am concerned, it can stay!

***Next issue: Amish in stories where you might least expect them.***

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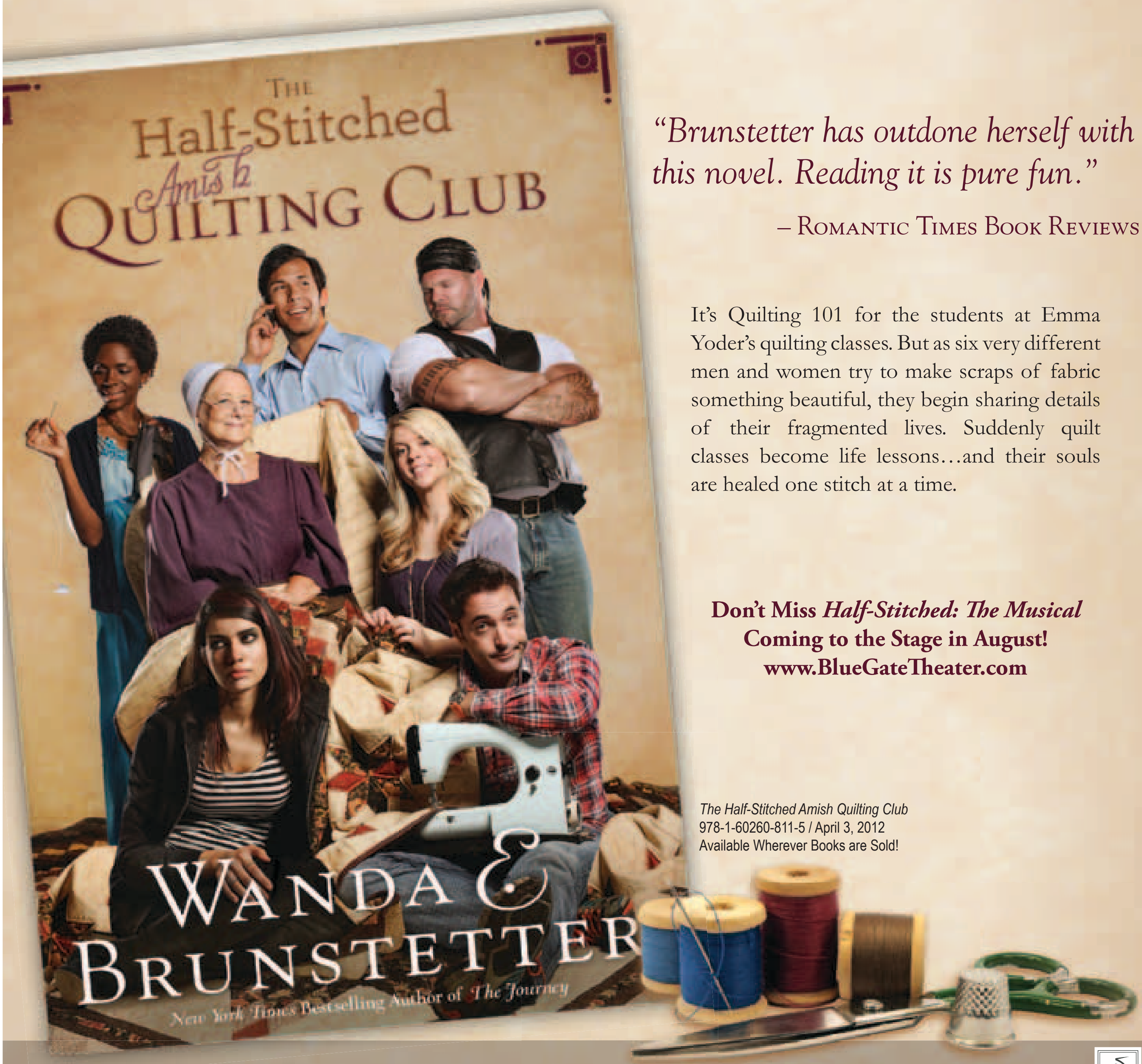
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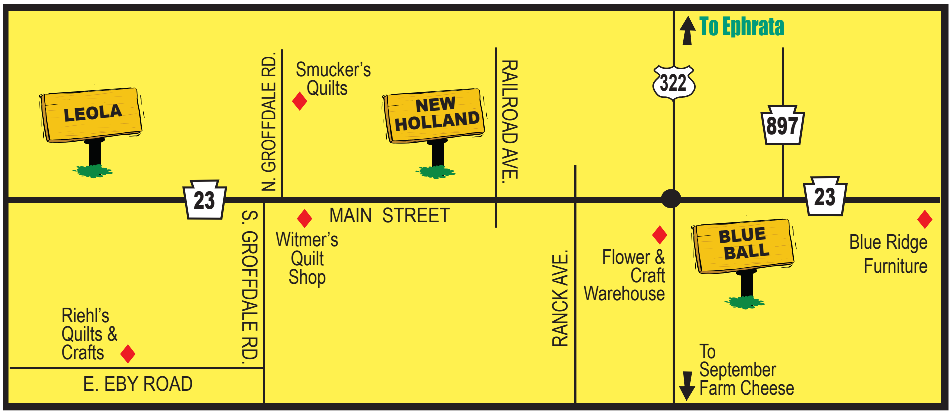
This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War had raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area. These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found willing ears. In addition to religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than $.04 an acre). By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area today called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timbers of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania, was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

In 1802, when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no objection to naming the town New Holland.

These grateful people remembered how extremely kind the inhabitants of Holland were to them, with assistance thought to have included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage.

This was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years of labor without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But still, William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was liberation compared to the Europe they fled seeking freedom of religion, assembly and speech for all, hopefully, none of which we take for granted today.



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# Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies Explains Dwindling Sales of TupperWare?

by Clinton Martin

Having received numerous reports that makers of plastic containers the world over have seen sales tumble quarter after quarter, we naturally became curious and began looking for an explanation. While these reports have yet to be verified, what we are certain of is that manufacturers are fortunate that Zook's Homemade Amish Chicken Pies remain a best-kept Amish Country secret. We are keenly aware that if more people started serving these deliciously filling meat pies for dinner, there would be even less and less need for storage containers, with leftovers becoming a thing of the past! But, could it be? Clearly questions remain.

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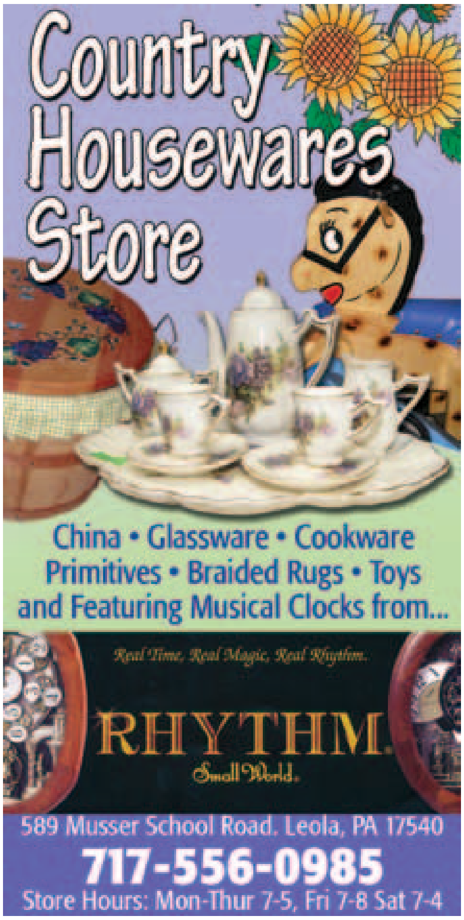
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# Mooing, Not Cooing Over The Quilts… Shopping At Esh Handmade Quilts

by Clinton Martin

There are many opportunities for quilt shopping in Amish Country. We have always considered it part of our mission to point you in the right direction, be it for quilts or finding home-made chicken pies (that would be Zook's, if you're curious).

We're lucky to have places where getting to and spending time at your shopping destination is at least half the fun as making the purchase! One such place is Esh Handmade Quilts, where, once you've stepped into this Amish dairy farm's on-the-side quilt shop, you'll quickly say to yourself, "This is really cool. I'm glad I came!"

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The farm is easy to find, and if the weather cooperates, a beautiful quilt will be waving in the breeze under the pump-house roof along the road. Heading about two miles east of the village of Intercourse on Route 340, just keep an eye out for Esh Handmade Quilts off to the left-hand side of the road. The shop is open every day except Sunday. Call ahead for current store hours. 717-768-8435.

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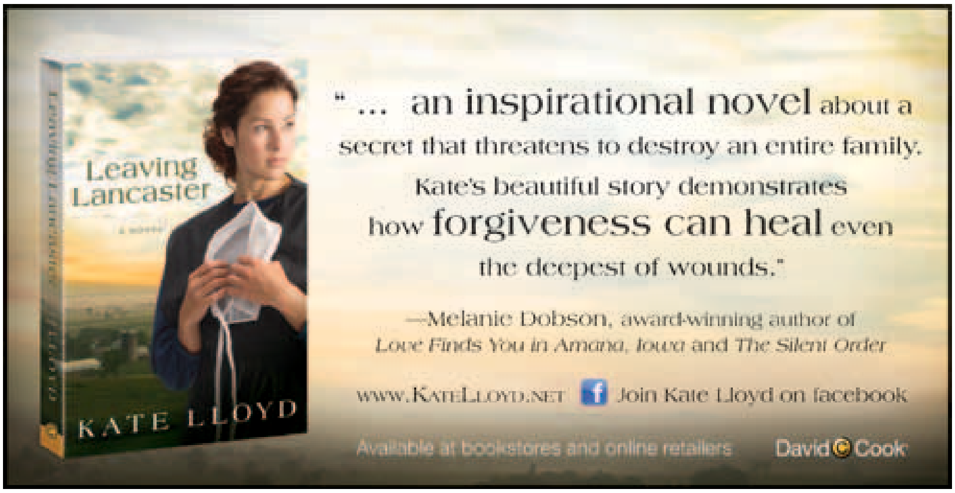

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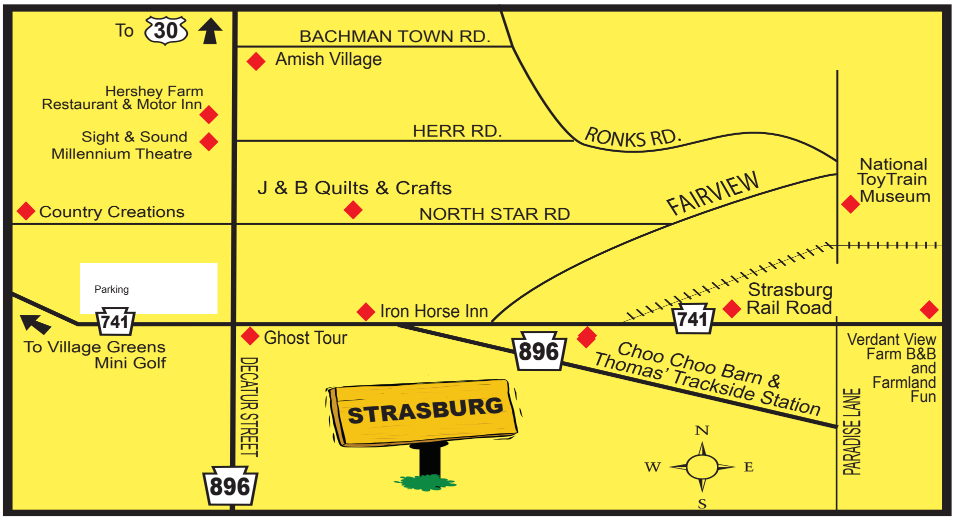

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Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillion, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, as French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods, the path became known as the Conestoga Road, and the wagons that traveled them eventually became known as Conestoga Wagons. Main Street Strasburg was developed during the next half century as traffic on this road increased considerably and the first log houses appeared in the village about 1733.

Strasburg continued to flourish in the 18th century primarily because of its location along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, a series of canals along with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Roads were constructed. Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position and there soon emerged a charter for the Strasburg Rail Road to construct a rail line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Finally in the 1850's, trains were hauling freight and passengers.

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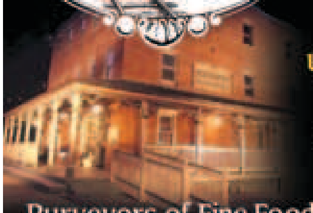

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# It's a Drive In the Country…
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by Clinton Martin

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by Clinton Martin

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Of course, the stores provide the "sew-it-your-selfer" with plenty of wonderful little fabric choices too, including Moda, Hoffman, and South Sea. Accompanying the perfect fabric choice, you'll also find numerous quilt patterns, craft books, quilting kits, quilting stencils, and notions.

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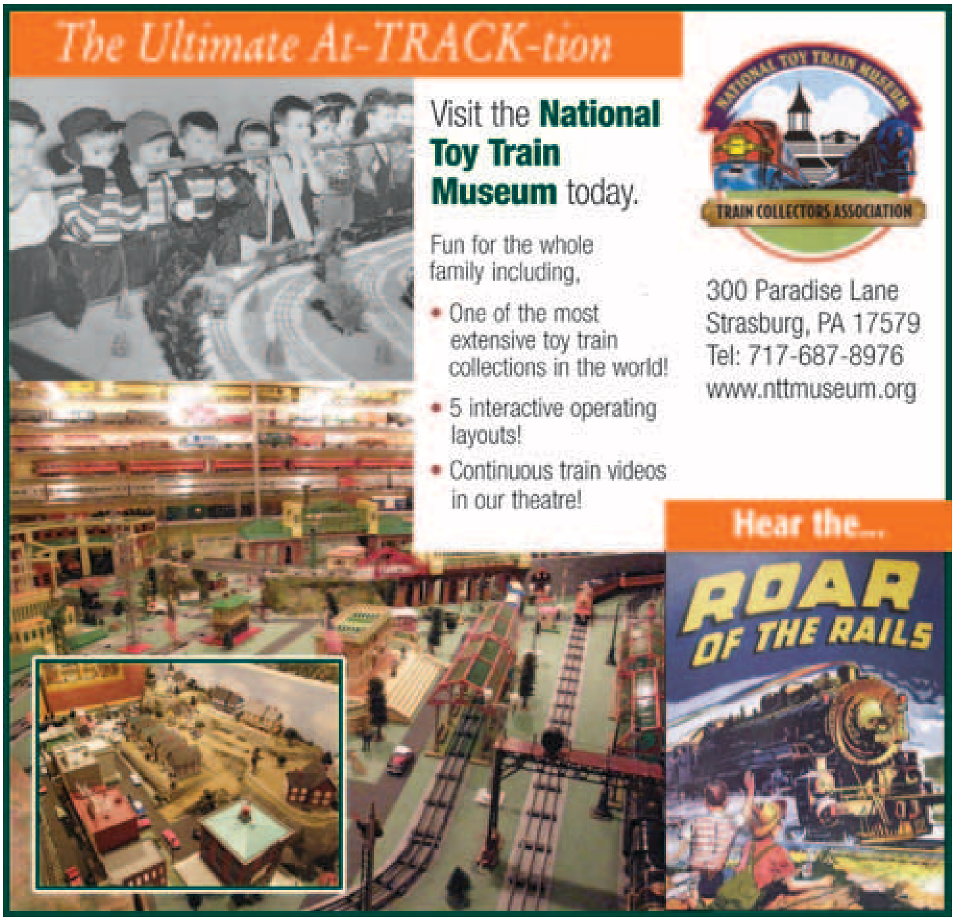
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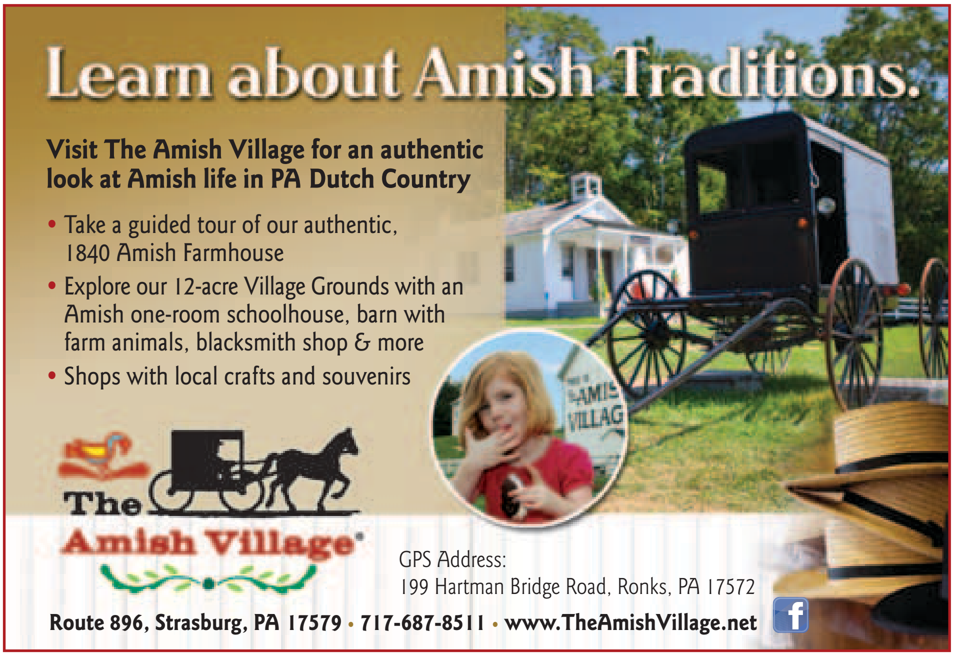
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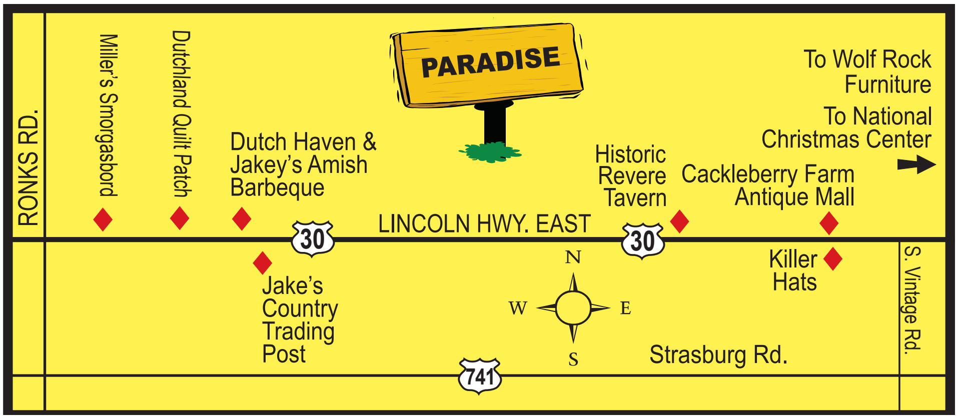

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Visitors to Lancaster from the east on RT 30 travel through Paradise, just one of our many intriguing town names. The town's story traces back to Europe over 300 years ago, to the area of the Palatinate in Germany where Protestants had settled following the declaration of King Louis XIV that all Protestants in France would be persecuted. Fearing a French invasion, many accepted the invitation to settle in the New World in William Penn's colony of Penn's Woods. By 1712, they had secured land in Lancaster's Pequea Valley as the area's first white people, living peaceably with local Indians.

The origins of RT 30, also known as "Lincoln Highway," date back to Lancaster's Colonial days when the frontier county needed a highway to connect it with the provincial capital of Philadelphia. The road that was constructed is now Route 340, still referred to as the "Old Philadelphia Pike." Soon, it was apparent that the Pike was insufficient to handle the increasing traffic, and in 1790, a commission to survey a new route was created. Since the cost was too much for the state to undertake, the company charged with building it was given the power to demand "reasonable" tolls from users. Investors received dividends earned from tolls collected along the gates of the turnpike. (As the toll was paid, the gate or "pike" was turned, hence the term "turnpike").

The Act described the construction of the highway, which was to be a bed of small crushed stones on top with, rather than dirt, larger stones underneath to prevent carriage wheels from cutting into the soil. This revolutionary system of road construction is credited to a John McAdam, whose name became the term for paved or "macadam" roads. The turnpike opened in 1795 as the first long-distance, hard surfaced road in the country. Taverns and stagecoach shops grew up along the turnpike for weary travelers. Of these, the Revere Tavern, dating back to 1740 and originally called the "Sign of the Spread Eagle", still proudly stands today. In 1841, the tavern became the residence of Reverend Edward V. Buchanan and his wife Eliza Foster Buchanan. Eliza was the sister of Stephen Foster, whose immortal songs will always be a part of Americana. Foster not only penned music at the tavern, but sent many of his manuscripts to Eliza, also a talented musician, for her approval. On the banks of the Pequea Creek, Eliza and Stephen played many of Stephen's 200 songs, including "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and "Oh, Susanna."

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# A True Labor of Love…
# New Boutique Opens at **Country Creations**

by Clinton Martin

In the past twelve months, visitors to Country Creations in Strasburg have been treated to an "insider's" look at the new boutique that husband-and-wife owners Kenn and Lori Bennett have diligently created inside their 100-year-old, 8,500 square-foot barn. The rustic beams and sturdy floors have long-since left farming behind to become a first-rate country primitives store. But the Bennett's have always been eager to improve the shopping experience.

With their labor of love complete, and the spring fashions in stock, the word is out that Country Creations now carries an attractive line of jewelry and apparel. Brands like Keren Hart, Focus Fashion and O'Kabe are tastefully displayed, tempting savvy shoppers pouring over the selection to choose which among them is destined for the ride home. The sparkling jewelry pieces compliment and help complete each ensemble with accessories like fashionable bags by Marie, Christines and Texas Leather among the impressive choices.

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# A Handful of Bottle Caps and the Tantalizing Aroma of Baking Pretzels at the **Intercourse Pretzel Factory**

by Clinton Martin

Spending a few minutes with Donna Clark, proprietor of the Intercourse Pretzel Factory, turned out to be a highlight of my early Spring season. While you can probably guess that her shop includes a big oven that bakes pretzels from doughy start to crispy, yummy finish, you're barely scratching the surface of what's in store for you here.

At the Intercourse Pretzel Factory, hard-working bakers lovingly prepare the dough, twisting it into the familiar pretzel shape by hand. According to Donna, there are only six pretzel factories that she knows of that still continue to hand-twist pretzels. This old-fashioned approach to pretzel baking is not only a tribute to Donna's passion for what she does, it's also a lesson in time-honored quality and care, which interestingly enough is a lesson that everyone who comes to the Pretzel Factory can learn "hands-on" right in the bakery.

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On the other side of the bakery is another fun find – Donna's personal homage to collectible curiosities. The store is called Dolly Bodacious, where the merchandise is not really related to baking pretzels, but rather to finding memories. Donna explained that she often takes time during the winter months to search for additions to the shelves at Dolly Bodacious, which invariably means expanding the selection with eclectic ephemera, dazzling jewelry, and delicate linens. Dolly's is really an interesting antique shop beside a great pretzel house. It is simply the perfect place to stroll around among the somewhat unusual, but always interesting, merchandise after you've finished the last bite of home-made pretzel.

Donna makes sure to have a fascinating variety of pieces on hand, starting with the simplest of memory-stirring trinkets like marbles, matchbooks, buttons, bottle caps, needle cases, and Victorian calling cards. Pieces literally begin at ten cents; and go up from there. Donna surmised, "Now who wouldn't have twenty-five cents for a Grape Ne-Hi bottle cap like Radar's on the TV show MASH?"

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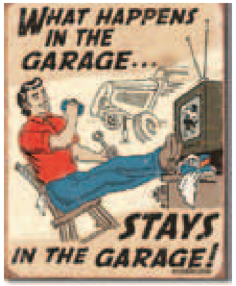
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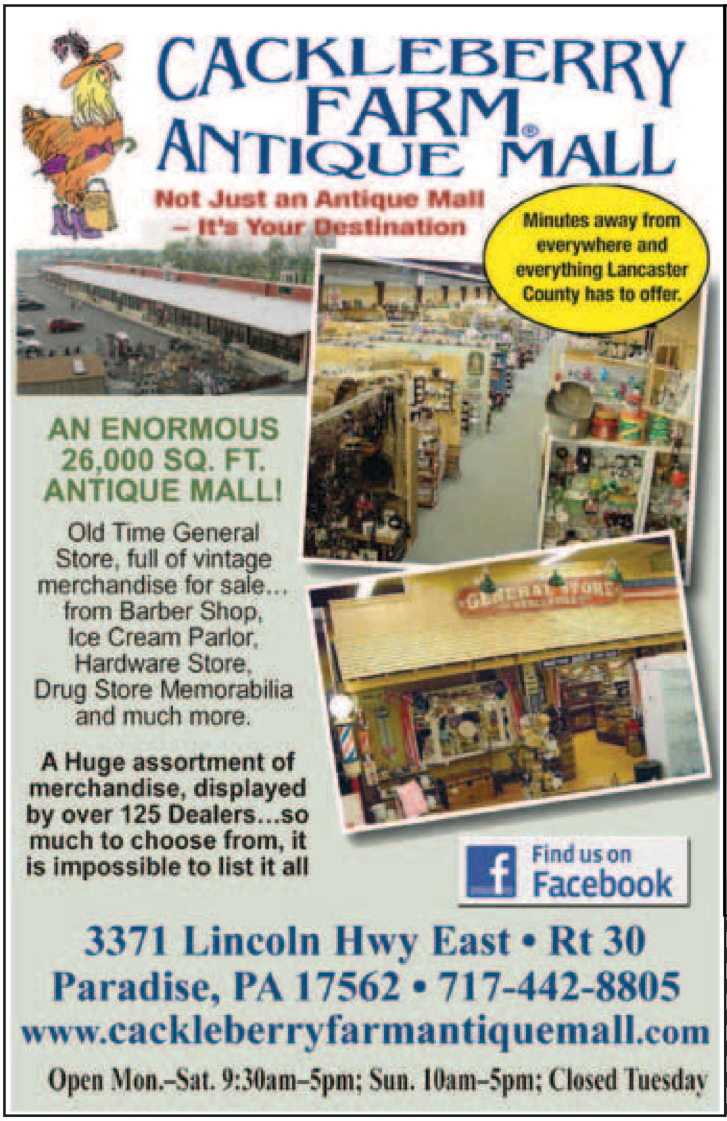

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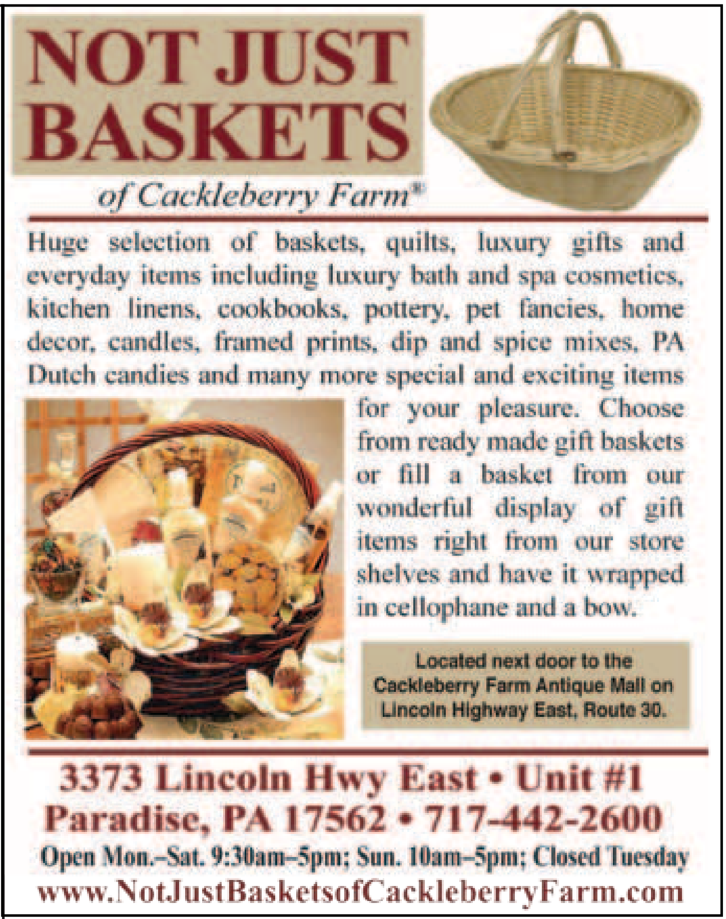

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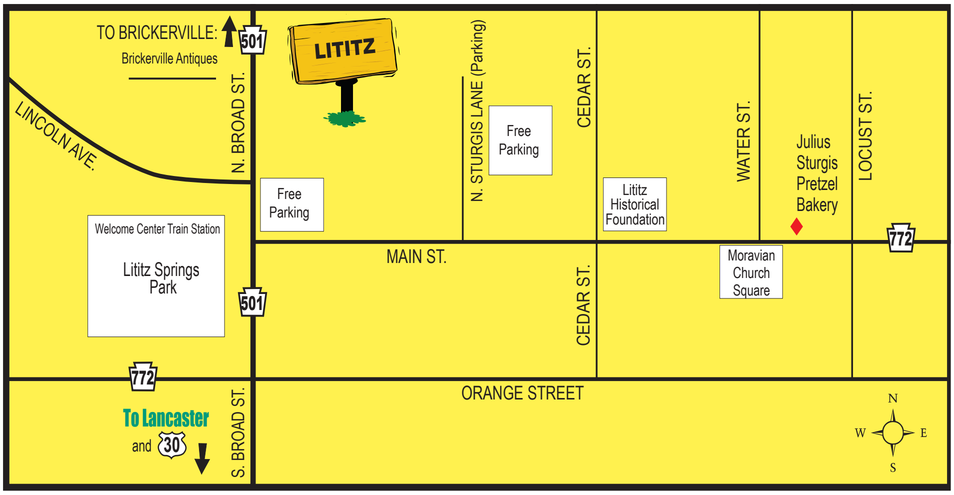
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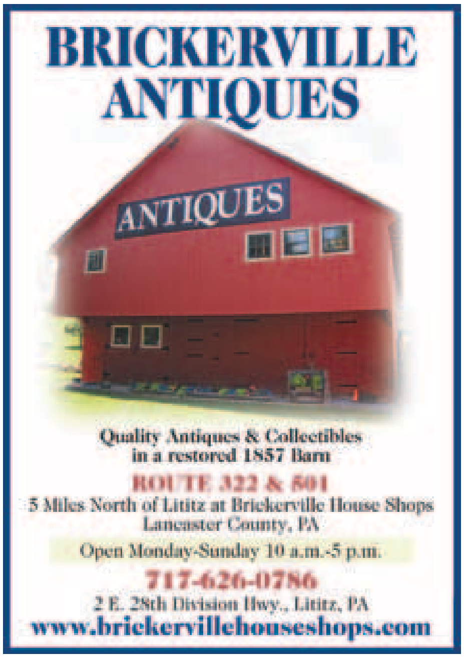
There really is no place quite like Lititz, and visitors should plan time there while in Amish Country. Along with dozens of storefronts of specialty shops, Lititz Springs Park, and its idyllic setting are a throwback to a quieter America.

The Lititz story is tied to that of the Moravian faith in Bohemia. As was the case with other persecuted religious groups in Europe, many Moravians sought freedom in the New World, arriving in the early 1700's, with settlements in Pennsylvania and North Carolina. In 1755 the town actually took the name Lititz, the German spelling for Lidice, where European reformers had taken refuge in the 15th century.

Music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For one hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own homes. The complex of buildings comprising the Moravian congregation is well worth seeing, particularly the church built in 1787.

One name is linked forever with the history of Lititz --- Julius Sturgis. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places. A tour of the bakery, still in operation, is unlike any other and well worth your time.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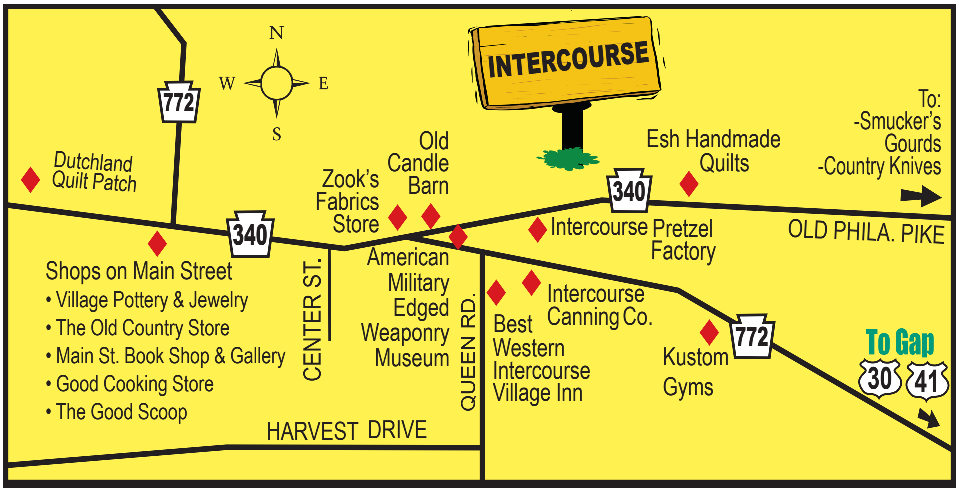
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Perhaps no other town in the entire country can claim its fame on one simple thing --- its name. Harrison Ford drove a buggy past the road sign on a memorable visit in the Hollywood blockbuster hit of the movie "Witness." For years people have postmarked “Intercourse” on envelopes, and the jokes from visitors who travel through Bird-in-Hand to Intercourse are endless. There are several theories for the name, but that which we find most plausible follows.

Around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (now Route 340) was laid out to connect Philadelphia with Lancaster. Conestoga wagons hauled freight back and forth between the two cities. Providing rest for travelers and horses, taverns sprouted along the way, becoming centers for news, gossip, and commerce. The construction of a log tavern in 1754 at the intersection of Newport Road and the Highway took “Cross Keys” as its name.

It remained such until 1814, when the name was changed to Intercourse as part of a failed real estate scheme of a Mr. George Brungard, who had acquired 48 acres of nearby land and attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising “151 handsome building lots of $250 each to be drawn for by number.” Renaming the town made sense, as intercourse had a common usage referring to the pleasant mutual fellowship and frequent intermingling which were so common in the informal atmosphere of the quiet country village.

Over time, Brungard’s scheme begat others. As recently as 1971, an enterprising soul tried to take advantage of the town’s name by selling deeds for one-inch square plots of Intercourse to visitors. Creative, but nonetheless a failure. By 1880, Intercourse had a population of 280 with a post office that actually moved among stores or restaurants as owners hoped visits by residents would increase their business.

The local stagecoach service started around 1898 as “a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats.” When the stagecoach driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort on cold days was added to with the placement of hot bricks heated in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve their warmth.

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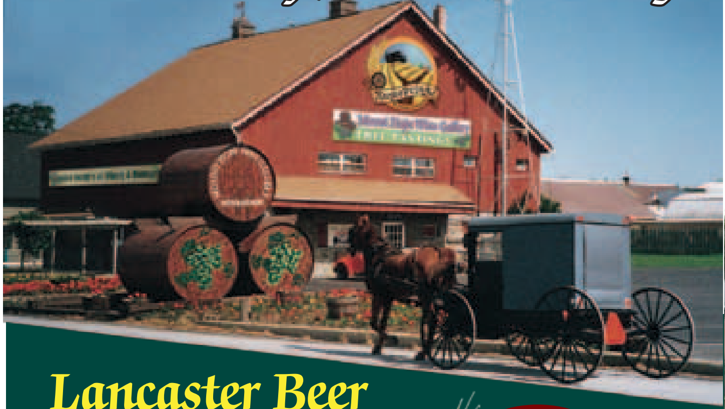

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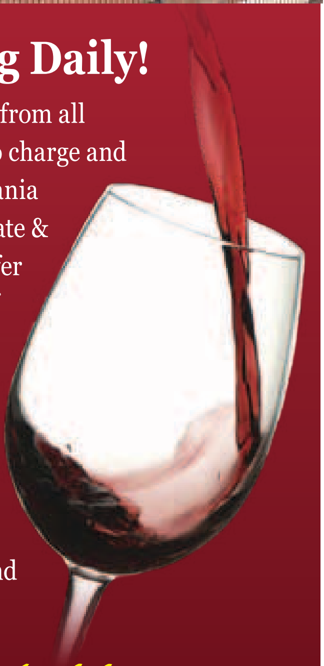

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Beginning in June, tours depart at 5:00pm Monday through Friday from the Amish Experience Theater at Plain & Fancy Farm along the scenic and pastoral highway that is RT 340 between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. More often than not, the VIP Tour sells out, so that reservations ahead of time are definitely encouraged. Tickets can be purchased online at www.amishexperience.com or by calling 717-768-8400 extension 210.

# On Choosing a Quilt

*Some time ago, we had asked a very good friend of ours, Barbara Vitale, founder and former co-proprietor of Mill Bridge Village, for some tips on what to look for when buying a quilt. Barbara had operated the very successful Quilt Shop at Mill Bridge and had established close working relationships with the finest Amish and Mennonite quilters in the area. We consider her an expert and the advice she gave us then is equally as valuable today. So thanks to Barbara, enjoy!*

Buy from a reputable shop with a knowledgeable staff that will stand behind what it sells. A shop's sales staff should be sensitive to any personal tastes. They should be able to suggest a quilt that will fit the décor of the room where you intend to use or display it.

Look for a quilt that is hand-quilted. Today's technology enables mass-produced spreads to now be machine quilted. Hand quilting makes your purchase worth much more simply for the hours involved. Such quilts are valuable and cherished hand-crafted works of art.

Know how many ladies worked on your quilt. The most desirable quilts are quilted by one woman. Women quilt differently, and the quality of work varies. If you're looking for the finest, most uniform quality, try to stay away from quilts that were done at a "Quilting Bee" where four to ten ladies were likely to have collaborated on the quilt.

Choose a quilt for its fine, intricate stitches. Look at five or six quilts and observe the size of the stitches. A more valuable quilt will be one that has the tiniest stitches and thus the most stitches per inch. Stay away from a quilt that has large, uneven stitching.

Choose a quilt for the amount of handwork involved. The more intricate the workmanship, the greater will be the value of your quilt. Some quilts might easily have 300 to 400 hours just in the

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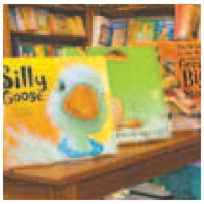
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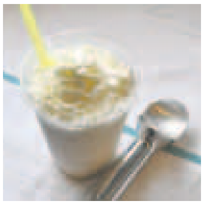
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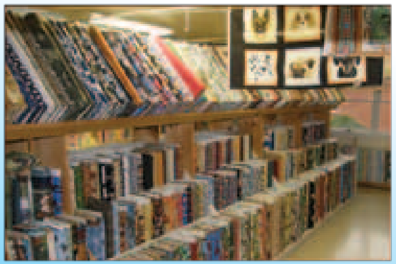
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the quilting, not to mention the design, cutting, piecing, binding and finishing.

Choose a quilt for its overall beauty, as well as the colors and patterns that suit your personality. Quilts are priced according to the amount of handwork involved, the skill in the patchwork finishes, as well as the size and design of the quilt.

Consider the use you intend for your quilt. If you just want something nice to place on a bed, and the kids and dog are likely to play on it, buy one of the less expensive, machine-made quilts. But if you want a fine quilt to be displayed or passed down as a family heirloom, plan to spend at least several hundred dollars, perhaps even more. Of course, you'll be mindful of your quilt fitting in and complementing your room's décor.

There are innumerable shops selling quilts, and there's simply no excuse for not shopping around. Some shops are willing to design a custom quilt to your specifications. In one instance, a visitor with a vision provided a photograph of his estate. Much to the delight of the customer, a quilt was crafted intricately displaying the house, tree-lined driveway and other details of the grounds.

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All submitted photos become the property of *Amish Country News* and the Amish Experience. Photos may also be used in upcoming issues, in other publications, and/or for other promotional purposes.

Photos will be judged on quality, color, subject matter, etc. Keep in mind that these photos are for publication, cannot be returned, and should depict a scene, aspect, event, or activity typical to Lancaster or the Pennsylvania Dutch Country region.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:** December 31st, 2012

We will accept photos via email, and request that no more than 10 photos by the same person be submitted, so pick your best! Each photo submitted should contain the name, address, phone # and email address of the photographer, so they can be contacted. Any details on the location, date, or subject matter of the photograph should be included.

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# Save the Dates!

It's only the first-time visitor to Amish Country who is not aware that there is so much to see and do, so many amazing festivals, and such a wonderfully delectable variety of foods to choose from, that one trip is not nearly enough!

So, to whet your appetite, here are just a few of the reasons you'll want to tell your SmartPhone to enter these events and dates for your return visits with us.

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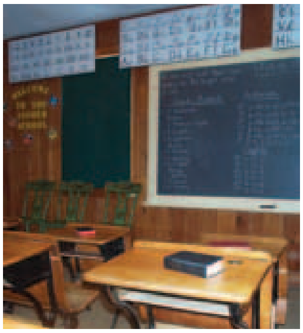
This year marks the 53rd anniversary of Plain & Fancy Farm as the very first family-style restaurant. It remains a legendary dining experience. At the same time, Amish Country Tours (Dutchland Tours) began the first regularly scheduled tours for visitors through the scenic Amish farmlands. And 1959 also marked the opening of the Amish Country Homestead, the only Amish house tour designated a Heritage Site by Lancaster County Planning Commission.

## Amish House Tour Unravels Riddles

Amish people wouldn't appreciate visitors walking through their homes all day…nor would you! So the best way to see the inside of an Amish house is on a tour. At the Amish Country Homestead, the staff is committed to interpreting the changing Amish lifestyle. Rather than a museum, it has the feel of a real "lived in" home. Guides take visitors on a fascinating 45-minute tour through the nine rooms. Discover how church is held in the home and hear the singing. See how Mom does her laundry---with a gasoline engine! Upstairs learn about Plain dress, while the kids enjoy the marble rollers.

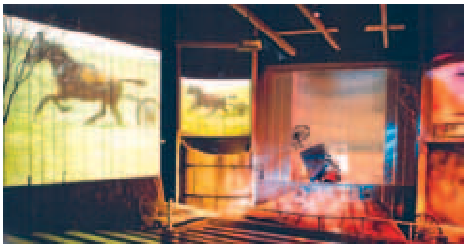
The Fisher Amish Schoolroom is where you (or the kids) can sit at actual Amish school desks and learn how all eight grades are taught in one room. An Amish schoolteacher helped decorate the room to give it the feel of a real school. It's all included in the house tour.



Interpreting the ever-changing Amish culture respectfully and accurately is no easy task. The authenticity of the Amish Country Homestead resulted in its designation as the only Heritage Site Amish house tour in Lancaster County.

## Amish Hi-Tech

In 1995, a new concept in interpreting Amish life debuted when the Amish Experience F/X Theater became only the third "experiential" theater in North America. The goal of this one-of-a-kind project was to give a more personal, intimate view of the Amish, connecting past to present. Rather than a somber documentary, the story goes inside an Amish family as their son Jacob struggles to decide whether to remain in the Amish faith.



An important missing link in most tellings of the Amish story is the persecution of the Anabaptists in Europe and the perilous journey to America. Rather than observe, visitors will now feel a part of history as special effects, including an amazing technology called "Pepper's Ghost," combine with smoke, wind, rain, and fire effects in a wrap-around barnyard setting.

A superb blending of entertainment and education, this touching and exciting production has moved some people to tears and children to exclaim "Wow!" This show, which has been called "400 years of history in 40 minutes of magic," can only be seen here in Lancaster, so be sure to make it a part of your visit. (Shows on the hour.)

## Where the Amish Live & Work

Visitors who simply drive around looking at Amish farms rarely come away with much insight into the unique culture that attracts people from around the world. Amish Country Tours provide certified guides to take visitors down the backroads, deep into the farmlands and scenery that is as beautiful now as it was 50 years ago. Guides offer fascinating information on one-room schools, farming practices, "cottage

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Amos, Ben, Manny and Elmer are the Amish farmers who supply the Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant with sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, cabbage, broccoli, squash, peppers and onions. These neighbors, and the neighbors before them, have helped Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant go "from farm to table" for over 50 years. The restaurant is AAA recommended, a PA Preferred and ServSafe award winner, and the Pennsylvania recipient of USA Today's Great Plate Award.

## The Amish Farm Feast

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The restaurant also offers a new ala carte menu featuring mouth watering appetizers, signature soups and salads, charbroiled burgers and sandwiches, and made-from-scratch entrees and platters. The ala carte menu is also a great value with Lunch Specials from $7.95 and Dinner Specials from $10.95.

## The Country Store

Find books, videotapes, candles, souvenirs and local handcrafts, and more. Explore The Country Store's collection of traditional Amish clothing, straw hats, bonnets, toys and dolls, and discover new treasures to adorn your kitchen and home. You'll find seasonal items as well as Christmas decorations, available year-round. The store also features Kauffman's Fruit Farm jams and jellies, bakery fresh items from Miller's Bakery, and Plain & Fancy chow chow and apple butter.

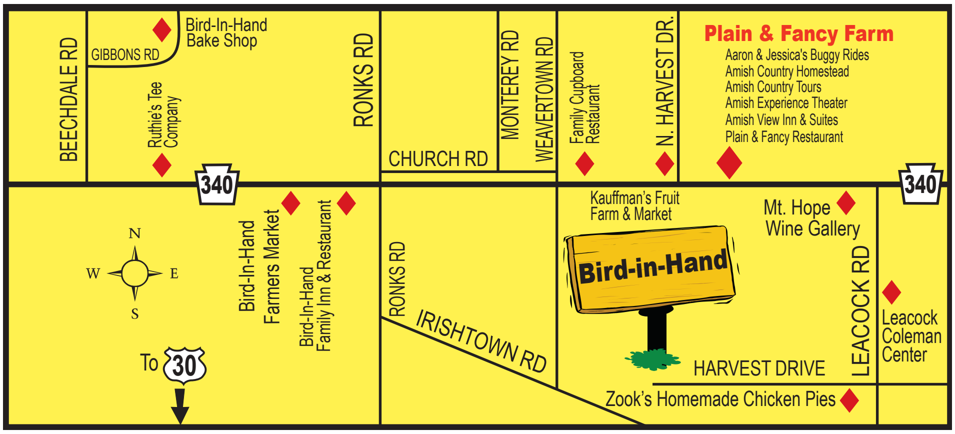
## AmishView Inn & Suites

While you're at Plain & Fancy Farm, you're invited to stroll up and visit AmishView Inn & Suites, a classically beautiful hotel that features elegant accommodations and incredible views. If time permits, a front desk representative can provide you with a quick tour of the hotel. The indoor pool, fitness center, arcade, whirlpools and fireplaces make AmishView perfect for an intimate getaway, family vacation, or corporate retreat. Complimentary hot country breakfast, wire-less internet, HBO, DVD players, special amenities and kitchenettes come with every room.

## Where It All Began

With all of these amenities and attractions in one beautiful location surrounded by Amish farmland, the Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy is the ideal starting point to enjoy all that the area has to offer as you create your own special Lancaster County experience!

# Welcome to the Village of Bird-in-Hand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Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand. William Penn, an English Quaker, had founded the colony of Penn's Woods, and settlers began arriving from Europe in the early 1700's, moving westward from Philadelphia. The trip by stagecoach, or Conestoga wagon with freight and merchandise, lasted several days. Inns were built every few miles, identified with signs held by an iron pole or attached to the side of the building. The reason for the signs was so that they could be understood by all nationalities. Further, since many teamsters or wagoneers were poorly educated they could not read. Given orders to stop at a certain inn, they were able to do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard.

The legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand dates to the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out. By 1734, surveyors at McNabb's Hotel were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or return to Lancaster to spend the night, one of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The sign in front of the inn, which became known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn, is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched.

Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. McNabb's Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it. More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County states that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When referring to their bird in hand symbol, some residents say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality, all of which you'll discover in this perfectly delightful little village of shops, farmers markets and eateries.

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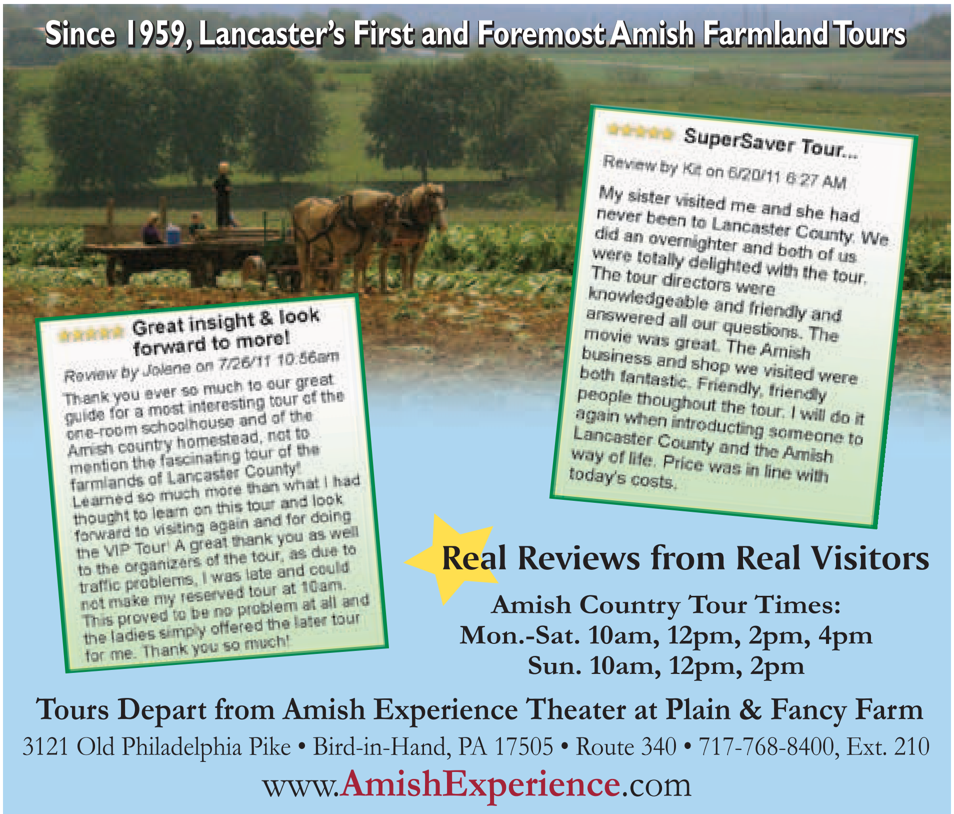
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★★★★★ Great insight & look forward to more!
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Thank you ever so much to our great guide for a most interesting tour of the one-room schoolhouse and of the Amish country homestead, not to mention the fascinating tour of the farmlands of Lancaster County! Learned so much more than what I had thought to learn on this tour and look forward to visiting again and for doing the VIP Tour! A great thank you as well to the organizers of the tour, as due to traffic problems, I was late and could not make my reserved tour at 10am. This proved to be no problem at all and the ladies simply offered the later tour for me. Thank you so much!

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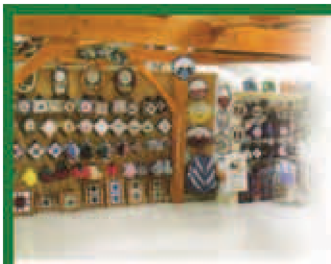

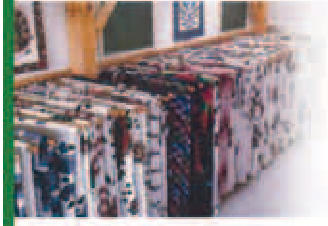

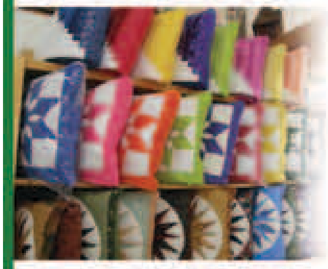

# Riehl's Quilts & Crafts

Sam and Susie Riehl began married life as dairy farmers, just like many other young Amish couples. The family farm was an ideal place to raise a family, to work in a traditional environment.

Susie's mother lived with the couple, and found a useful way to contribute to the family's well-being by making and selling quilts from the basement of the house.

The dairy operation was still priority number one, but the quilts certainly helped the family with an important boost. As time went on, and milk prices continued to lag behind the cost of producing it, the quilts became even more important.

These days, the dairy cows are gone, having been sent to a budding young farmer just starting out. The farm is still humming with activity however, as hay fields flourish and the barn never is quite empty! The quilt shop has grown and expanded from being in the basement to a stand-alone beautifully constructed store right next to the barn.

It has become a common sight for the Riehl family to be hitching up the team of horses for some field work, and then ten minutes later be greeting visitors from near and far, helping them find just the right quilt. Just as the quilt business has grown, so too has their line of locally hand-made products.

Sixteen years later, you can find an excellent variety of quilts, crafts, canned goods, books, and of course the interesting multi-use "quillow" that you'll just have to go and ask about.

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# Fat Quarters and Jelly Rolls And…
# The Wonderful World of **Zook's Fabric Store**

by Clinton Martin

If you're wondering what fat quarters and jelly rolls have to do with a fabric store, and instead have visions of a corner bakery, read on. In fact, you are exactly where I was only a few years ago. Since then, I've learned that shopping for fabric comes with a whole lexicon of important terms. Terms that lend credibility to the fact that quilters and crafters must be very fun people! To satisfy your curiosity, a fat quarter is a one-fourth yard of cut fabric, most commonly measuring 18 by 22 inches. Jelly Rolls are 2.5 inch wide strips of every style of fabric in a certain vendor's line.

**Traditional to Contemporary – find it at Zook's**

Although fabric is easy enough to find in Amish Country, the art of piecing together textiles to create beautiful, and useful, art pieces is something that just doesn't come from any store. It is a spark of creativity that begins as inspiration and then grows into a hobby that is ultimately nurtured and fed by an exceptional fabric store. Zook's Fabric Store is one such find! If you're already a customer, or maybe the husband of one, it wouldn't surprise me. Zook's has been located in the same quaint storefront along the Old Philadelphia Pike in the village of Intercourse for many years. First-time visitors often step inside with a small project in mind, hoping to pick up just that special piece, yet walk out with a bagful of fabric and return trips already in mind.

Zook's Fabric Store carries thousands of bolts of fabric, which in its own right is impressive, yet not nearly as impressive as the amazing variety. What you have with Zook's is a wonderful cornucopia of colorful and patterned fabric. The huge variety serves customers ranging from Amish neighbors looking for solid colors perfect for their dress patterns all the way to trendy mommy bloggers looking for a splashy baby room quilt top.

Chances are you're probably not Amish, and you're probably not a pace-setting twenty-something of Facebook fame, but if you in any way fancy yourself a quilter or crafter, you owe it to yourself to explore Zook's Fabric Store. Head to 3535 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse. Call 717-768-8153 for store hours.

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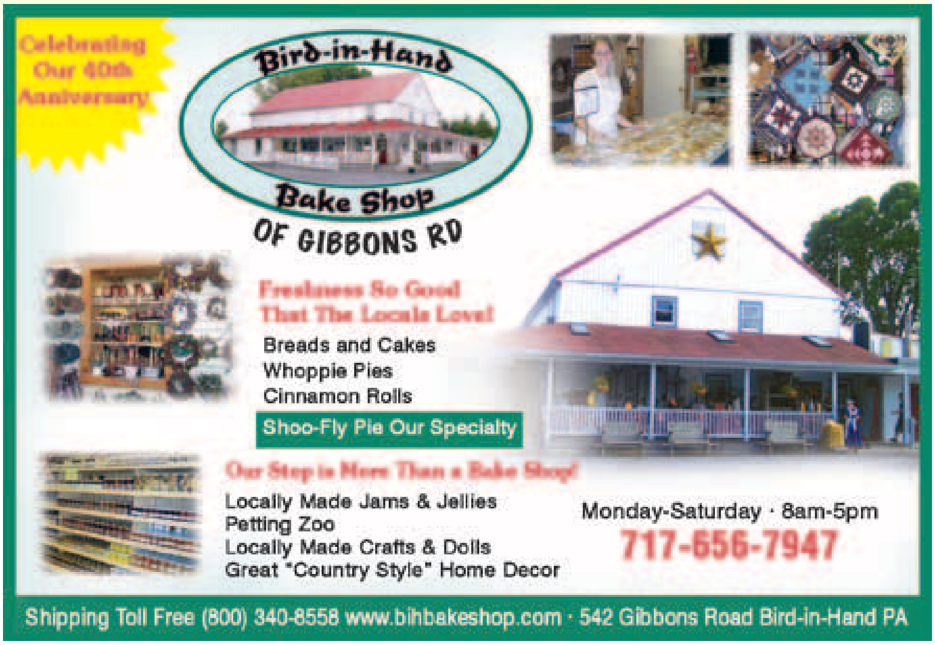

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The family and its many Plain community employees want visitors to get that great homemade taste at a better price than commercial bakeries. "We take pride in the things that we bake and enjoy the look on people's faces as they taste our selection." And what a selection it is! You'll see varieties of fresh baked breads (their cheese bread is a personal favorite), potato rolls, cinnamon buns, "melt in your mouth" whoopie pies, gooey-bottom Dutch shoo-fly pie (their specialty), cookies, fruit pies, angel food and layer cakes, and many, many more items.

Through a window behind the counter, you can observe the mixing and baking process, and see trays of baked goods waiting to go into the display cases or to be sent to fulfill wholesale orders for several local restaurants. (Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop baked goods can also be found at various market stands in five different states.) The sweet scents of fresh breads and cookies always greet your nose!

Not only can you indulge your sweet tooth with a chocolate whoopie pie or a creamy cone of local ice cream, but Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop also offers its visitors a few extras. They have a fine selection of local handmade crafts. "Our wide assortment fits many people's tastes and interests." You'll find locally made Amish dolls, pillow cases, pictures, candles, Amish straw hats, hand painted slates, and much more. In addition there is always a variety of canned goods and bulk foods, especially popular with those large families that live in the area.

The Millers realized that with all that food and country peacefulness, visitors might want to linger and relax. "Our large wrap around porch provides an excellent place to enjoy a hot cinnamon roll and a steaming cup of coffee." And with more than enough green grass to go around, they have installed several picnic areas to enjoy, along with public restrooms and waste bins for your picnic use.

Finally, since the Millers have a family of their own, they know it is important to keep the children entertained on a vacation. "While you shop, your children can burn some energy outdoors in our huge play area." And any place in Amish Country just wouldn't be right without some animals. That's why they've added a petting zoo to their list of attractions.

It may be a little off the beaten path, but at the Bird-in-Hand Bake shop you can truly savor the quiet peacefulness and baked goodness found only in the heart of Lancaster County. As the Millers would say, "You can consider yourself personally invited to come and spend a day with us in beautiful Amish Country. We are confident that you will find the baked goods, crafts, and location second to none."

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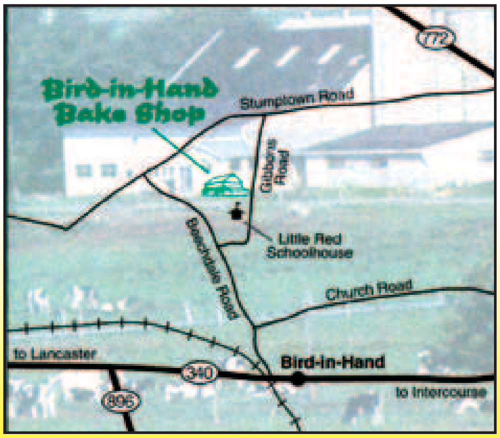

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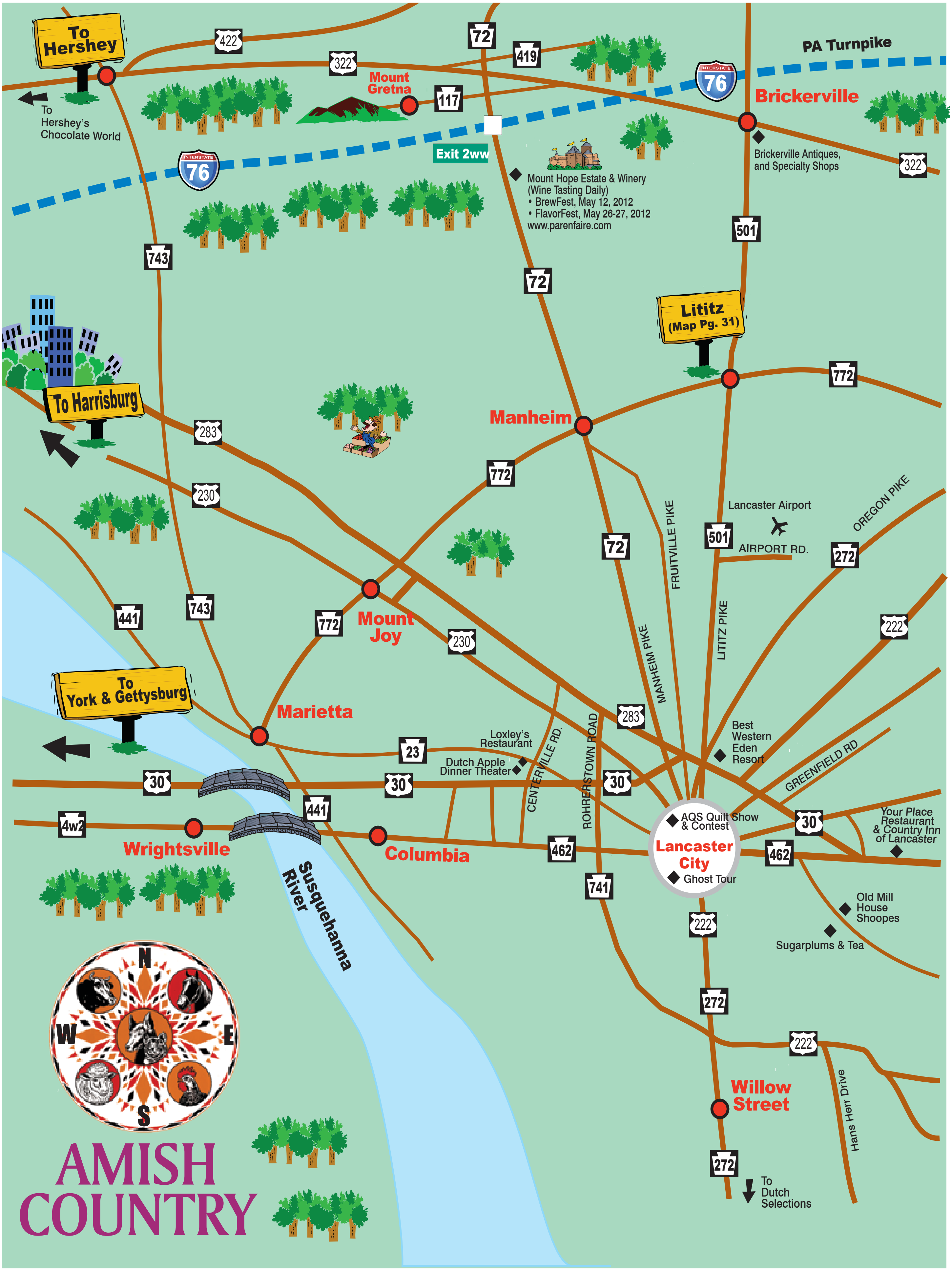
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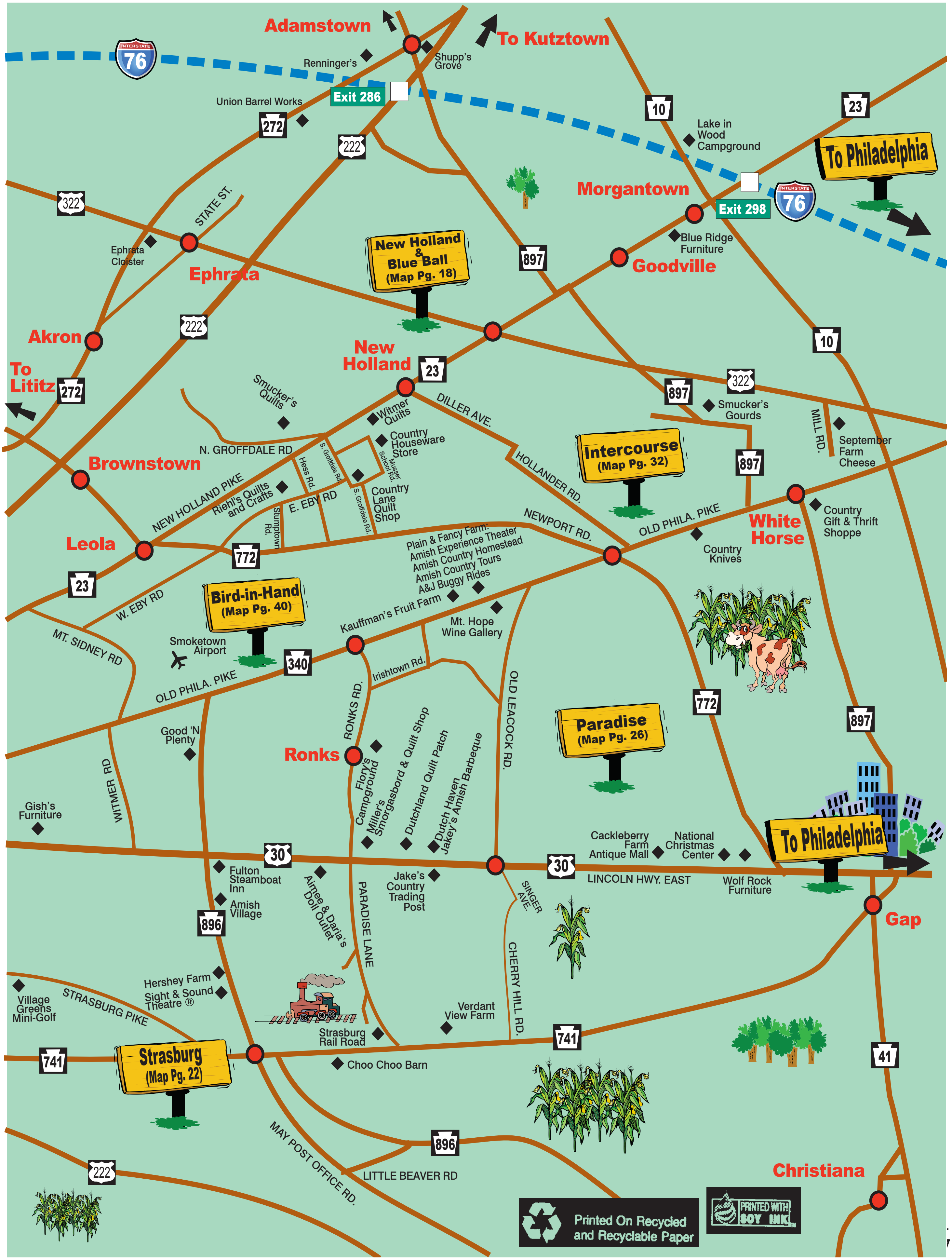
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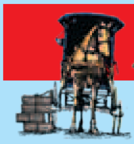

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# PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

## "Can I Quote You on That?"

by Brad Igou

This is our first issue of 2012. I was reviewing some of my files to see what I might write about for my first message of the year. I kept coming across interesting quotes that somehow seemed to stick with me. Some from Amish friends I had spoken with, some from books or other sources. Many did not warrant an entire essay, but I nonetheless thought they needed to be shared. So indulge me as I offer up some of my favorite Amish quotable quotes, some humorous and some quite serious…

**We hold children back too hard and turn them loose too soon.**

--- Commenting on raising children.

**I've been accused of having eyes in the back of my head.**

--- Retired Amish schoolteacher commenting on how often she caught students misbehaving even though she had her back to the class.

**A person's devotion to an idea is not tested until the newness has worn off, until the challenge has lost its initial excitement, and the fun and glamour have failed. Then, when only hard work remains --- the daily tasks, the mundane labor --- that is when a person's commitment to a project is truly tested.**

--- Quoted in Family Life magazine.

**As a youngster, I just accepted the horse and buggy. But at age 16, when it was cold and a car went past, I kinda wondered.**

--- Commenting on growing up.

**You must teach children the meaning of "yes" and "no" by the age of one, or you have really missed an opportunity.**

--- Talking about child-rearing.

**We are people, too. We are competitive. We want a "Cadillac buggy." We follow the Stoltzfuses. People keep wanting a bigger and nicer house, and now we want bigger weddings, and we invite unnecessary people. The more modern we become, the more we lose.**

--- Talking about the pull of the modern world.

**Life is cheap for some people because they don't realize the destination of death.**

--- Anonymous

**Prosperity.**

--- A one word answer when I asked what the biggest challenge was facing the Amish today.

**Some people say that if the heart is right, it doesn't matter how you dress. But if the heart is right, shouldn't you dress accordingly?**

--- Talking about "plain clothing."

**People ask "What is love?" Can anyone know what true love is until they've shared tears, joy, and sorrow?**

--- Commenting on marriage.

**We Amish are going to ruin tourism ourselves. If people get into our homes, they'll find we are real people!**

--- Joking about tourism in Lancaster.

**We realize that not everyone is cut out to be one of the plain people. Many have not the opportunity; but here is the challenge:**

**If you admire our faith --- strengthen yours.**

**If you admire our sense of commitment --- deepen yours.**

**If you admire our community spirit --- build your own.**

**If you admire the simple life --- cut back.**

**If you admire deep character and enduring values --- live them yourself.**

--- Quoted in Small Farm Journal.

**It's not just what or how you use a technology, but what kind of person you become when you use it.**

--- anonymous.

**We're just people.**

--- Advice given to me when I asked what the most important thing was I should tell visitors about the Amish.

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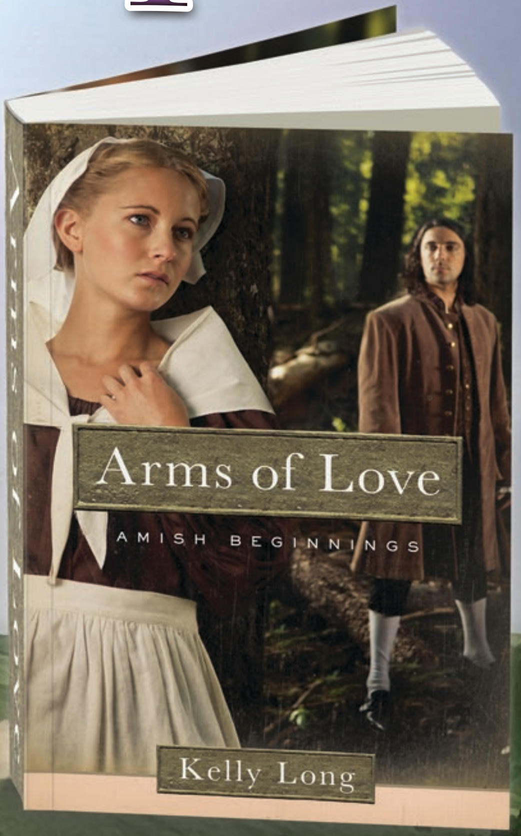
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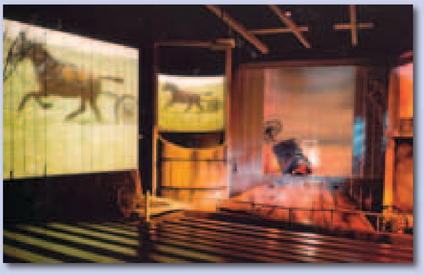

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